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The Beauty of The Nutcracker

Tamara Poropat as the Peacock in the Heritage Ballet's 5th Annual Production of The Nutcracker last weekend at the Northern Lights Theatre in Haliburton. Both spectacular performances were sold out. For more pictures, see page 30.

Highlands East Reeve Becomes Haliburton County Warden

Liz Daniels

Staff Reporter

On Tuesday December 16th, Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton was sworn in as Haliburton County's newest Warden. Burton, despite being a relative newcomer to the County, brings considerable experience and enthusiasm to a position that will no doubt be a challenge particularly given the country's present economic climate.

County CAO Jim Wilson officially welcomed approximately 60 people and wished them the best of the season. He introduced each member of County Council and then called on Rev. Peter Robinson to give the invocation. Robinson is a retired United Church minister whose charges were Wilberforce and Gooderham.

Wilson then outlined the process of the inaugural session and election for the position of Warden and called for nominations.

Algonquin Highlands Deputy Reeve Tom Gardner stood and said it would be his pleasure to nominate Burton. He said that he had known Burton since his election in 2006 as Reeve for Highlands East and found him easy to work with and very forthright. He spoke of the committee work Burton has done while on County Council, said it had been a pleasure working with him and that he looked forward to continuing that work with Burton as Warden.

Minden Hills Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch seconded Burton's nomination.

Murdoch said she had known Burton for many years. She said that the main quality needed in a Warden is to really care about Haliburton County and she believes Burton truly does. Murdoch said the position requires a lot of time and in order to do the job right, the Warden must take the time to meet with a lot of people and work with them at the grass roots level, something that she also believed Burton can do. Lastly, she recognized that Burton has a great sense of humour, saying, "And Dave, there will be days when that is the only thing that will save you."

Burton was the only candidate nominated for the position and was officially declared Warden by acclamation. He read and signed his oath of office and Past Warden Eleanor Harrison presented him with the robe of office. Harrison said it was her pleasure to help him with the robe of office and was the first to congratulate him. Wilson then provided Burton with his official chain of office.

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"You have to want to do this and I feel more than able to meet the challenge."

Twelve Mile Lake Church to Have New Lease on Life

Liz Daniels

Staff Reporter

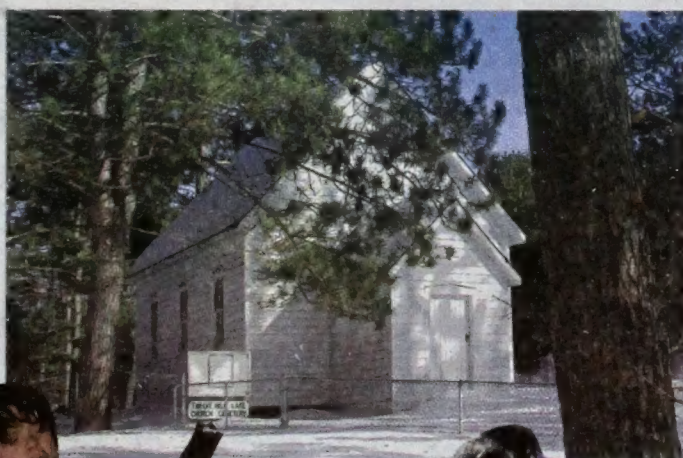
"In a way the Church is a form of tribute to those buried in the cemetery, some as early as the days of Confederation."
(Bob Chambers)

in 1880. The land had already been used as a cemetery for about a decade. The Church sits on a parcel of land that was surrounded by the old Chambers family farm and Williams Chambers, along with William Blair and James Johnston were the original trustees.

Chambers says that a log church was first constructed and then later replaced in 1891 with the present building. While some changes were made to the church steps and entrance in the 1940's the building remains for the most part in its original state. It became part of the United Church of Canada with the amalgamation of the Presbyterian and Methodist congregations around 1925.

The cemetery grounds were eventually severed from the Church property to facilitate a transfer of ownership and the operation of the cemetery to the Township. However, the congregation, which over the years became the

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In Haliburton's Industrial Park, a Small Miracle Rises from the Ground.

Stephen Patrick
Editor

Ted Scholtes is a man who puts ideas into action. The semi-retired former GM executive decided to put his considerable entrepreneurial talents to work for Youth Unlimited. This very successful Haliburton youth initiative runs the Bridge program at the old Victoria Street School, weekly drop-in centres for youth from 10 to 22 years of age, an after school program called the Haven, and other programmes in the schools all designed to help the community's young people find their way in a difficult world.

Youth Unlimited is lead by Jamie McMahon, who, along with Mary Cannon, has been coordinating and delivering these imaginative programs for the past three years. Like most social charities, funding was always an issue: originally the Youth Unlimited was called Youth for Christ, but as Jamie puts it, "we wanted to be as inclusive as possible – we are Christians, but we wanted

to make sure our programs reach all of our community, and serves it as effectively as possible.

"Last summer Ted Scholtes approached us and asked if we would like to be part of a fund-raising initiative he was thinking of establishing here in Haliburton. We were of course interested, and right away you could tell that Ted was one of those guys were understood what a risk-taking culture was all about – which is how we feel about ourselves at Youth Unlimited – we try to lay it all on the line. So we thought we could work together really well."

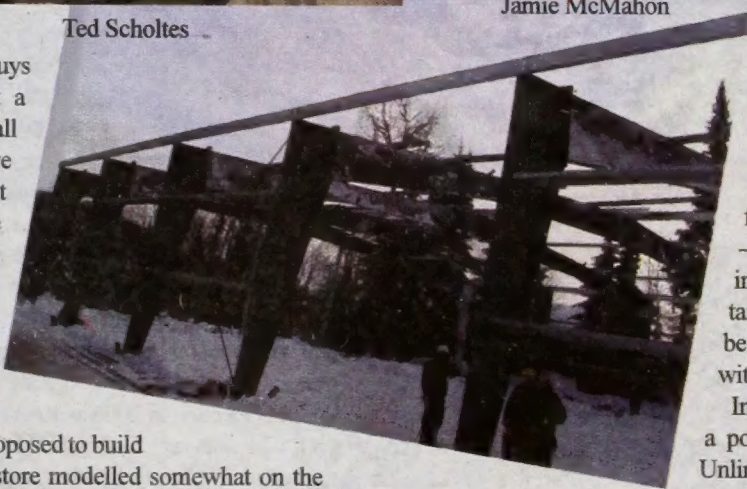
Ted Scholtes' proposal was nothing short of dramatic. He proposed to build an 80,000 square foot store modelled somewhat on the Re-Store initiatives perfected by Habitat for Humanity, and the Worth Unlimited stores in Western Canada. The idea is essentially to sell used building materials, appliances, windows, etc... at bargain prices to allow lower income clients to build their own homes. Ted Scholtes also saw significant environmental benefits: "the amount of useable materials that were finding their way into our landfills was substantial – we hope this story will help in that regard as well. Most materials for the Re-Stores are donated by building contractors, building supply stores, demolition crews, and simply members of the public who want to get rid of used, but perfectly workable appliances, and so on."



Ted Scholtes



Jamie McMahon



The Worth Unlimited program is based in Calgary, and uses employment programs to help teenagers to gain a useable skill: it operates its own auto centre, for example, where troubled or disadvantaged youth are trained as mechanics. Supporters donate used cars and other materials for the students.

"These programs can have a real impact on our community," said Scholtes. "And I'm delighted to be able to be a part of the Youth Unlimited programs. The building's construction has been delayed – we wanted to be able to open this winter, but now we'll take the time to make certain the building is finished just the way we want it – and we'll be ready for business in early spring. And we're certainly accepting donations – we'll be able to start collecting materials within weeks."

Initially the new store will donate a portion of its proceeds to Youth Unlimited while some of Scholtes very considerable start-up costs are covered. The whole initiative is being run by a volunteer management team that consists of Gary Bradshaw, Murray Coles, and Peter Curry. Negotiations are already underway with major Canadian building suppliers to donate shelving and display materials for the new store.

Eventually Jamie McMahon hopes to expand Youth Unlimited to serve even more of the educational and social needs of our youth. "We're planning to use Mobile Youth Centres to reach our smaller communities, for example, and the store that Ted's store will really help us generate the funds to realize those dreams. We do our best with what we have – I think we're unique as an organization in that we all raise our own salary funds, for instance, which allows us to grow without the drain of administrative costs. Local businesses, churches, and individuals make monthly pledges – so we know in advance that our personal needs are met. But the store idea is really special, for sure."

Anyone who wishes to help Ted Scholtes and Jamie McMahon to realize these dreams, please call Ted at 705 457-4900, drop in at the Artists' Choice store at 26 York Street in Haliburton, or call Jamie McMahon at 854-0401. ■

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SUNDAY



Cloudy with more snow likely
▲ -3° ▼ -11°

MONDAY



Windy and turning colder with snow showers
▲ -3° ▼ -11°

TUESDAY



Sunny to partly cloudy and colder
▲ -7° ▼ -12°

WEDNESDAY



Chilly with afternoon snow showers
▲ -7° ▼ -13°

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Bancroft	-3/-11/pc	-3/-9/sn	-3/-10/pc	-3/-11/sn	-3/-11/sn	-7/-12/su	-7/-13/sn
Barrie	-3/-9/pc	-2/-8/sn	-2/-9/pc	-3/-10/sn	-3/-11/sn	-7/-12/su	-6/-13/sn
Dorset	-3/-11/pc	-3/-9/sn	-3/-11/pc	-3/-11/sn	-3/-11/sn	-7/-12/su	-7/-13/sn
Haliburton	-3/-10/pc	-3/-9/sn	-3/-10/pc	-3/-11/sn	-3/-11/sn	-7/-12/su	-7/-13/sn
Huntsville	-3/-11/pc	-3/-9/sn	-3/-11/pc	-3/-11/sn	-3/-11/sn	-7/-12/su	-7/-13/sn
Kingston	-3/-9/pc	-3/-8/sn	-2/-9/pc	-2/-9/sn	-2/-9/sn	-6/-11/su	-6/-12/sn
Lindsay	-3/-9/pc	-3/-8/sn	-2/-9/pc	-3/-10/sn	-3/-11/sn	-7/-12/su	-6/-13/sn
Minden	-3/-10/pc	-3/-9/sn	-3/-10/pc	-3/-11/sn	-3/-11/sn	-7/-12/su	-7/-13/sn
Oshawa	-3/-8/pc	-2/-8/sn	-2/-9/pc	-2/-9/sn	-2/-9/sn	-6/-11/su	-5/-12/sn
Ottawa	-4/-12/pc	-7/-13/sn	-4/-10/pc	-4/-10/sn	-4/-10/sn	-7/-12/pc	-6/-13/sn
Toronto	-2/-8/pc	-1/-7/sn	-1/-9/pc	-1/-9/sn	-1/-9/sn	-6/-11/su	-4/-11/sn

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Low/Otk	Friday Hi/Low/Otk	Saturday Hi/Low/Otk	Sunday Hi/Low/Otk	Monday Hi/Low/Otk	Tuesday Hi/Low/Otk	Wednesday Hi/Low/Otk
Calgary	-19/-25/sf	-22/-24/pc	-20/-24/su	-15/-24/pc	-15/-24/pc	-17/-26/pc	-18/-28/cl
Edmonton	-20/-26/sf	-19/-28/cl	-18/-23/su	-18/-23/su	-18/-23/su	-21/-26/su	-21/-29/pc
Fredericton	-3/-9/pc	-8/-15/cl	-2/-8/cl	-2/-8/pc	-2/-8/pc	-4/-9/cl	-4/-11/pc
Halifax	-2/-8/su	-7/-12/sn	6/0/sh	6/0/sh	6/0/sh	3/-2/pc	3/-2/pc
Montreal	-6/-13/pc	-8/-14/sn	-4/-10/pc	-4/-10/sn	-4/-10/sn	-7/-11/pc	-6/-12/sn
Regina	-17/-24/sf	-19/-26/cl	-15/-22/cl	-15/-22/cl	-15/-22/cl	-17/-24/pc	-18/-26/cl
St. John's	-3/-8/cl	-8/-15/sf	7/4/sh	7/4/sh	7/4/sh	4/-2/pc	3/-4/pc
Saskatoon	-18/-25/sf	-20/-26/cl	-19/-27/pc	-19/-27/pc	-19/-27/su	-21/-29/su	-22/-30/pc
Vancouver	-4/-11/pc	-7/-12/su	-7/-1/pc	3/-3/sn	6/-2/pc	6/-2/cl	4/-4/su
Whitehorse	-7/-15/pc	-6/-14/pc	-9/-21/sn	-9/-21/sn	-9/-21/pc	-13/-24/cl	-14/-23/pc
Winnipeg	-14/-22/cl	-18/-24/cl	-22/-28/cl	-22/-28/cl	-22/-28/cl	-23/-29/pc	-23/-30/cl

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Monday 12/15	8°C	-1°C	6.9 mm
Sunday 12/14	1°C	-3°C	0.0 mm
Saturday 12/13	-5°C	-26°C	0.0 mm
Friday 12/12	-6°C	-21°C	0.0 mm
Thursday 12/11	-7°C	-20°C	0.0 mm
Wednesday 12/10	-7°C	-16°C	0.0 mm
Tuesday 12/9	-2°C	-9°C	0.0 mm

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SUN & MOON

	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set
Thu. 12/18	7:48 a.m./4:34 p.m.	none/11:41 a.m.
Fri. 12/19	7:49 a.m./4:34 p.m.	12:03 a.m./12:00 p.m.
Sat. 12/20	7:49 a.m./4:35 p.m.	1:12 a.m./12:20 p.m.
Sun. 12/21	7:50 a.m./4:35 p.m.	2:19 a.m./12:41 p.m.
Mon. 12/22	7:50 a.m./4:36 p.m.	3:27 a.m./1:05 p.m.
Tues. 12/23	7:51 a.m./4:36 p.m.	4:33 a.m./1:33 p.m.
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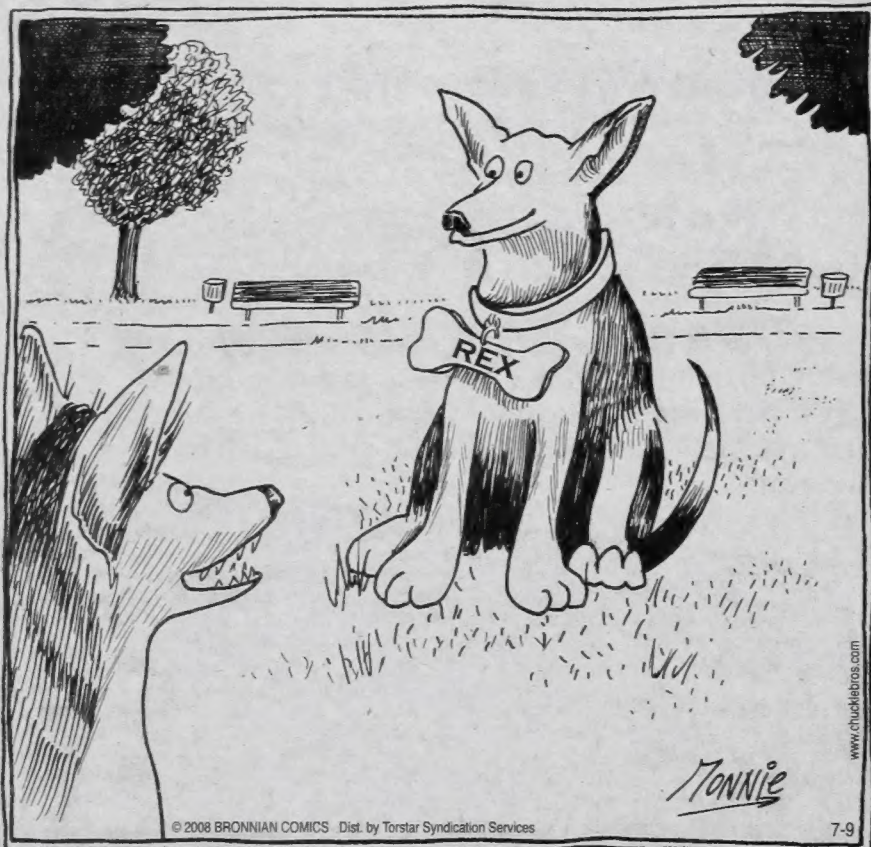


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Letter of the Week

Dear Editor

In your ongoing series on Watercolours (the condominium project being planned for the old Sir Sandford Site overlooking Head Lake), I hope those delaying the project are prepared to build a facility for our seniors.

If not they will become the real burden on our community.

I wonder what makes these people more expert than the many professionals who will be commenting on the project.

Joe Iles

Haliburton

Dear Editor:

National Day of Remembrance

On behalf of the YWCA I would like to thank the County Voice and Stephen Patrick for his editorial and coverage on the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women held at Fleming College on Friday December 5th.

The editorial written by Stephen is a powerful reminder that we as a community must continue to "end violence against Women and Girls".

The YWCA located in Minden provides services and programs for all Women living in Haliburton County so that they and their children may live free from violence.

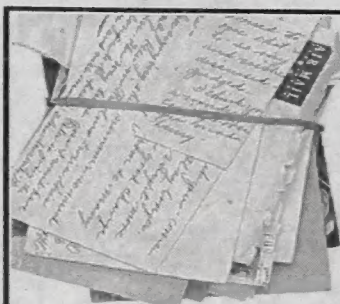
Thanks to the County Voice for bringing awareness to the County.

Donna McKay

YWCA Board Director

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EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT

by Stephen Patrick



Global Warming – with a Vengeance

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So, how do you like the global warming crisis so far? Last Saturday I dropped my son off at Sir Sams Ski Area at 9:00 am: temperature, minus 22; snow conditions, perfect; skies beginning to cloud over with a hint of more snow in the air. Later that day, with that snow promise fulfilled, and then some, it seemed as if this early winter was never going to end. On Sunday a brief thaw blew through, bringing rain, and taking some of the metre and half of snow accumulation away, but by Monday afternoon winter's bitter cold winds had swooped back out of the northwest. Suddenly, April seemed a long way off, and summer breezes a distant, cruel memory.

To be honest, I actually look forward each fall to Haliburton's bracing and challenging winter, as most of us who live here year-round do. For our children, winter is filled with exciting events and activities – hockey, figure skating, snowboarding, cross country skiing, snowmobiling, and so on. The youngest member of our family has been staring out the living room window every morning since about Thanksgiving praying for the snow and the cold. His teacher tells me he's been doing the same thing since September. For years, in the absence of a municipally plowed road, we used snowmobiles from November to April to reach our house, and in my case to get to work each day. One year that daily commute put almost 3000 miles on our trusty Arctic Cat 440 Jag – and I have very fond memories of those frozen, freshly groomed white highways snaking through the bush. I also have memories of slipping off a rickety, ice covered bridge into a frozen creek at night, alone, and one sunny day catching an edge with my runner on a corner taken at too high a speed and ending up 30 feet off the trail on my back, under the machine, an inch from a rock face. But I digress. Now, securely in town, in a house heated with oil, not wood, within walking distance of work, with an AWD car equipped with tenacious snow tires, those wild days seem very far away. But the allure of winter, real winter, endures.

So yes, we might complain a little as we trudge through the snow each day, but deep down in our secret Canadian hearts, we know how bored we'd be living in a climate that saw little change season to season, with no dramatic transformation of landscape, lifestyle, and light. And there's no doubt that snowy, cold (but not too cold!) winters help our local economy in a major way. The spectre of global warming looms in our future like a dark, moist cloud: to the extent that it's here already, the trend may be helping, temporarily, with more snow and more storms as the atmosphere warms. (See the Environment Haliburton column on page 31 of this issue.) There are still mutterings over whether or not global warming exists – but most of the debate is really over cause, not the fact itself. So perhaps we should be savouring each moment of this "old fashioned winter". The alternative? The slushy, dirty southern Ontario-type winters with more freezing sleet, and wild rain storms, may not be far ahead.

Dysart et al, in concert with an impressive list of local businesses and institutions, on board, is planning an ambitious "Frost Festival" for this February 15th Family Day weekend to celebrate all things wintry. Let's hope it's a Festival that can continue for many years to come. Mush! ■

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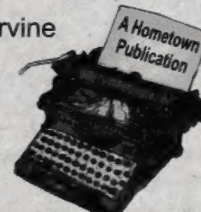
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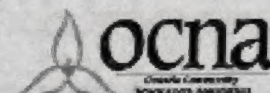
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More Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir/Madam,

"There are no decent trails to get here, so they just don't come."

My name is Greg Turner. My wife and I have owned and operated The Pepper Mill Steak and Pasta House for ten years. I would like some information passed on to me regarding the impending sale of county owned land that includes a portion of the CNR line dubbed the "rail Trail" linking Haliburton to Minden.

For the ten years that we've been in business, My wife and I have watched all of the snowmobile traffic that the county economy relies on so much in the winter move north of us to Dorset and beyond because there is no proper trail link from Carnarvon to Minden (without using lakes and county side roads that are scraped down to the dirt for automobile traffic). It is also difficult to travel from Carnarvon to Haliburton by snow machine as the trail zig zags through the Blairhampton and God forbid a portion of the trail be impassable and you don't know where you are going. We see the snow machines on trailers in our parking lot on their way up on Friday night, and then see them again on trailers on Sunday night going home - very little in between. This is completely due to the trail system in this part of the county. The one huge reason the trail system is so bad? Almost all of the land is privately owned, and the owners refuse to let a viable trail system use portions of their land. There are many factors contributing to this, not the least of which is the snowmobile association's refusal to work with the land owners and offer them passes for land use, but the fact remains that once the land is privately owned, the trail can be shut down. This rail trail is heavily used in the winter to connect Haliburton to areas south via Kinmount. If this trail gets shut down or rerouted in a manner that inconveniences its users, thousand and thousands of winter tourism dollars will be lost to Haliburton. We see it here every weekend in the winter - we can't open our restaurant to serve lunch. There are no decent trails to get here, so they just don't come.

Many dollars have been raised and spent on trail systems and tourism marketing to those who may use the trail systems, and if the trails are shut down, it is all in vain. So many people at the county level talk about how impoverished the county is and how fragile the economy is here. Why would they sacrifice such a viable vehicle for tourism dollars for a short term gain? Is it a short term gain? What is the reasoning for the sale? Can a proper trail on county or crown land be made to bridge the gap in the trail? Please send me the information on this sale.

Thank you,

Greg Turner
The Pepper Mill Steak & Pasta House

Dear Editor:

"None of this was mentioned in the very recent election campaign because it is divisive"

In a recent article in the Echo, Barry Devolin stated in an interview around the threatened confidence vote against his Conservative Party by the opposition that the introduction of three measures into the financial update statement was a miscalculation, but he supported all three.

Those items are: equal pay for work of equal value legislation, the right of federal civil servants to bargain (there is no bargaining power without the possibility of striking), and the removal of limited government funding for recognized political parties.

None of this was mentioned in the very recent election campaign because it is divisive, unfair, would have cost the Cons many votes and exposed the current Conservative Party for what it really is and has been trying to hide from voters for several years in the hope of gaining majority status. Obviously, the miscalculation was that they failed to grasp that they did not get a majority government so they should have kept their real agenda hidden in the hopes of gaining it.

When the next election comes, voters will ask about these and other regressive positions Barry and his party don't volunteer until after we have voted.

Brad Colpitts
Vice-President
Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock Electoral District Association

Changing Rules for Parking in Minden Hills

Liz Daniels

Staff Reporter

The Minden Hills Council is poised to adopt new parking regulations. The amendments to the existing Parking By-law are still in draft form, but will likely be passed in mid January. In the interim, they are under consideration.

The most significant changes being proposed by Ken Jones, the Municipality's Chief Building Official and the man responsible for by-law enforcement, include no parking on streets or municipal parking lots during the winter months between 12:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. and no parking on the north side of Invergordon Avenue. Some minor changes are proposed to the schedules attached to the by-law to allow additional distances from the corners.

The no parking clause on streets and municipal parking lots during the winter is being incorporated into the by-law to facilitate snow removal. When asked what the reasoning was behind the no parking regulation on the north side of Invergordon, Jones said that it is difficult for people to get out of their driveways given the curve in the road, and the Road Superintendent had suggested no parking on the north side for safety reasons.

In a memo to Council, Jones asked them to consider several issues prior to adopting the by-law. He asked if there were any concerns about the impact that enforcement may have on tourism in the community and to what extent Council wished the by-law to be enforced, adding that enforcement during the summer months would be quite limited unless additional staff is hired.

Council reviewed the by-law and had a number of questions for Jones. Reeve Jim McMahon inquired about the no parking zone in front of the old Beaver Theatre, given that it hasn't been in operation for a long time. Jones responded that the theatre is scheduled to re-open, which was why the no parking rule hadn't been removed from the schedule.

Councillor Bill Obee said that legislation is specific about no parking in front of movie theatres. He questioned whether or not the proposed operations of the new Beaver Theatre would fall under the same legislation and asked Jones to look into it before confirming that it would remain a no parking area. He voiced concern that there is a lot of parking in the area given the old theatre's proximity to the bank and that a \$300.00 fine if ticketed in the area was fairly steep.

Councillor Peter Oyler said that he didn't have any quarrel with Obee's request for further research, but recalled that part of the operations being proposed by the new owner would involve being a theatre. Oyler didn't see any need for change.

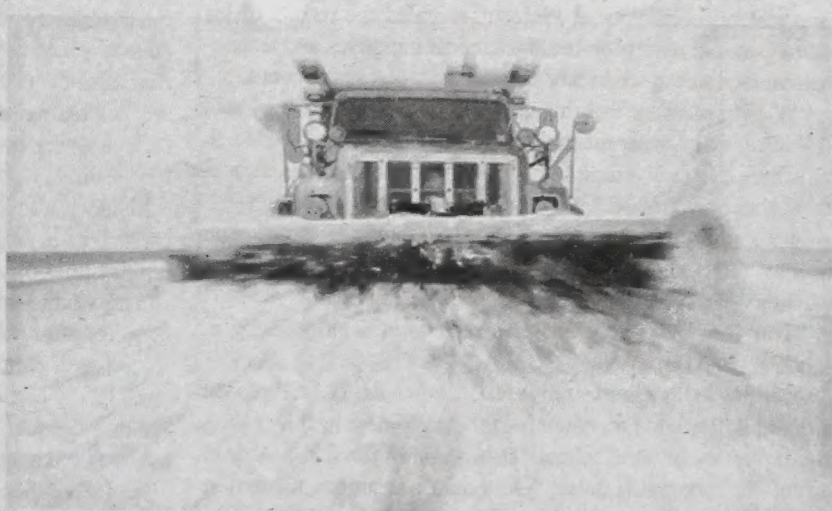
Oyler then questioned the need for parking on the south side of Parkside Drive. He said, "When the library is done the area will be cordoned off and landscaped. I feel that the goal there would be to prevent parking given that there will be parking for 70 cars at the library."

He also questioned whether parking should be allowed on the north side of Water Street by the planned exit from Canadian Tire, saying that if Riverwalk expands he doesn't want the view hampered in that area. Jones responded that this could be addressed by the general regulations in the by-law that doesn't allow parking on a sidewalk, footpath or in front of a recreational trail.

The regulations established by the by-law about parking or stopping of motor vehicles don't apply to Township staff members or police officers who are carrying out their duties. Councillor Rick Ratcliff wanted to ensure that the applicable section of the by-law includes hydro and county personnel.

Referring to the one vehicle per parking space, Ratcliff suggested this shouldn't apply to motorcycles that often park three to a space. Jones agreed to look into the exception.

As a bit of an aside, Reeve Jim McMahon told Council that he had received an e-mail from MTO advising him that there will be a no stopping zone established on Highway 35 from Booth Avenue to Water Street (in the stretch in front of Tim Horton's) on both sides of the highway. According to McMahon, this is intended to stop parking by tractor-trailers and will be enforced by the OPP. ■



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Many HHSS Students Choose to Remain Active

Report Looks At Healthy Eating, Physical Education and Technology-Based Facilities in Schools

Mark Arike

Staff Reporter

In making his final appearance at a Trillium Lakelands District School Board organizational meeting, Dale Robinson, TLDSB Superintendent of Special Projects, revealed the results of his administrative reports on healthy schools initiatives and technological facilities in secondary schools from across the board.

"It's my pleasure to bring forward these two reports," said Robinson in a regular meeting of the board on Tuesday, Dec. 9. "It's been very rewarding to be able to have a last look at how things have progressed."

In Robinson's first report examined, he outlined statistics on healthy eating and the promotion of physical fitness in both elementary and secondary schools across the TLDSB.

"This board was very active in regards to healthy eating in schools," said Robinson.

According to his administrative report, when the TLDSB passed a Board Policy and Procedure in 2005 to promote healthy eating and proper nutrition in schools, it was one of the first boards to do so. The report also states: "Our board was among the first in the Province to achieve a universal daily healthy snacks program in all of our schools."

To get a better idea of how effectively healthy eating and Quality Daily Physical Education (QDPA) practices are being used and followed in elementary schools, a survey was conducted in the fall of 2008 with school principals.

"It was very encouraging to see the positive feedback that came from the questionnaire," explained Robinson.

In the nutrition section of the survey, principals were asked about items such as waste reduction from lunches, using food as a reward, possible barriers to implementing a healthy eating initiative and more.

In one question that asked: "Have you made changes in the last three years in your snack program and your special lunch program to include healthier choices?" all those surveyed responded with a "yes."

Recently throughout the TLDSB board, healthy eating has garnered the attention of trustees, senior administration, secondary school administration, groups of secondary school students and dietitians, indicates Robinson's report. "Meetings have been taking place between board administrators, dietitians and student representatives to discuss the best way to promote this initiative in our high schools. A meeting was also held with the manager of Aramark (the cafeteria vendor in the TLDSB) to discuss changes that could be made in the short run and long run in products offered in our cafeterias."

To promote healthy food choices in secondary schools in the TLDSB, milk vending machines have been installed, posters outlining nutritional items and nutrition-based events continue to be implemented.

In Robinson's findings, it would seem that students are considering the messages that are being spread. For example, the amount of French fries sold in school cafeterias has decreased by about 50 per cent over the last couple of years, the report noted.

QDPA questions in the survey looked at length of delivery of physical education, those involved in leading physical education exercises and possible scenarios leading to obstacles of implementation.

"That survey was done to see how many secondary school students continue to take a physical education class after they've received the compulsory credit in Grade 9," said Robinson.

Those results show that students in Grades 10-12 at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) are among the top of the rankings for choosing to enroll in physical education classes. HHSS is just behind Gravenhurst High School with 33.94 per cent of students enrolled.

"Approximately one-third of our secondary students (across the board) are enrolled in physical education after Grade 9," said Robinson.

In taking a look at technological facilities, a walk-through was carried out in each secondary school to better understand the current facilities offered and what areas are in need of improvement.

In his study, Robinson came to the conclusion that technological facilities offered in schools under the TLDSB are in decent shape for the most part, with a few exceptions.

HHSS is one of the few exceptions mentioned in the report because the school is the only one in the board to lack a design lab. According to Robinson's report, a full scale design lab is an essential component to the broad-based technology curriculum.

Valerie Smith, Trustee of Haliburton County and Vice Chairperson of the board, asked Robinson to elaborate on what it is that a design lab holds.

"It's a room full of computers," he replied. "The computer design programs that are most commonly used in these classrooms is AutoCAD." AutoCAD is a software application that is used for 2D and 3D design and drafting.

For the present time, computers with these programs are housed

in HHSS's computer technology and manufacturing classroom, and that means that these computers are exposed to excessive amounts of dust and other debris created by students.

With the steady decline in student enrollment, it is expected that an empty classroom will soon become available. The intention is to use the room as a design lab.

Robinson stated that just about every year, money is spent on improving schools in the TLDSB.

One of the major renovation projects underway is taking place at the Huntsville High School. Phase one of a three phase project to improve a tech lab is near completion. The rest of the tech labs will also have to be renovated in the future.

"We need to finish the work that we started at Huntsville High School," said Robinson.

"It was the neediest facility I saw in terms of expenditures."

Robinson's observations were submitted to senior trustees and administration for their consideration to help with future decisions made when there is an availability of surplus funds within the board.

Following his presentation, Robinson was applauded for his 40 years of work as an educator to children of Haliburton County and beyond.

"It has been a long career on a great board. My best wishes go to all of you," said Robinson. ■

Ceiling Lifts Key to Preventing Falls

Shawn Hagerman Presents HHHSF With \$2,588 Cheque for Future Purchases

Mark Arike

Staff Reporter



From left to right: Shawn Hagerman, Nancy Cowan, Mae Jones, Gordon Jones and Don Popple (Co-Chair, Reach for the Future Campaign).

Recently, 70 stationary ceiling lifts were ordered by Haliburton Highlands Health Services for rooms in the Hyland Wood and Hyland Crest long-term care facilities at a cost of about \$400,000. These lifts help to move patients with mobility issues and are key to preventing falls.

To help fund the major purchases, the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) was successful with a proposal made to the Canadian Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT) Foundation for \$2,588.

On Friday, Dec. 12, Shawn Hagerman, a member of the Canadian Million Dollar Round Table Foundation and local insurance broker, presented a cheque for the funds to Dale Walker, Executive Director for the HHHSF and Don Popple, Co-Chair of the Reach for the Future Campaign. The group made the presentation in the Highland Wood residence of Gordon and Mae Jones, where they observed a ceiling lift in action.

The Canadian Million Dollar Round Table Foundation is made up of financial professionals who want to support charitable projects in the country. This Canadian foundation was formed in 1995 and is part of The Million Dollar Round Table (the premier association of financial professionals around the world).

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Frost Festival Preparations Underway

Committee Addresses Schedule of Events and Attractions for the First "Fun-Filled Family Weekend" of its Kind

Mark Arike

Staff Reporter

Dysart et al's events committee met last Monday to firm up the schedule for Haliburton County's first annual Frost Festival.

The festival, scheduled to take place on the Family Day weekend of Friday, Feb. 13 – Sunday, Feb. 15, will bring the community and tourists together for a number of winter-related activities in the heart of Haliburton. The inaugural event will also coincide with the 8th annual Haliburton Highlands Dog Sled Derby at the Delta Pinestone Resort. Kids Dogsled Rides and Clinics will be available on Head Lake.

Since some of the events at the Frost Festival will encourage child participation, the committee looked at ensuring that adequate supervision is provided.

"You need to have volunteers to make sure everything is running smoothly," said Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey.

Areas of the event where supervision would be necessary include bonfire pits, outdoor kids games and locations serving hot drinks and snacks.

The committee also looked at ways of bringing in traffic flow through the town during this event.

A live ice carving demonstration led by local carver Mike Muli is shaping up to take place for several hours over the weekend. Fearrey's opinion stated that this part of the festival will "be the biggest draw."

The committee discussed areas that would allow Muli to have enough space to work on the sculpture scene. Potential locations mentioned included The Bargain Shop parking lot, The Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre and along areas of Highland St.

Since the ice is estimated to cost around \$2,000, Tanya McCready, Co-owner and Operator of Winterdance and Organizer of the Haliburton Highlands Dogsled Derby, said that she would look into trying to get the ice supplied at little or no cost.

For kids and families, one of the events that Tegan Moratz of the Haliburton Highlands Trails & Tours Network is organizing is five or 10-pin bowling/curling games.

"It would be like lawn bowling," explained Moratz.

The game would be played on ice with pop bottles serving as pins. A milk jug or a laundry detergent bottle would be weighted down with sand or concrete and would be used as the "bowling ball."

Moratz said that help would be needed to run the games.

"I think we'll need two to six volunteers for this," she said.

Other festivities that are slated to be a part of this winter-driven event include: a torchlight parade, horse-drawn sleigh rides, kids dog sled rides, entertainment and much more.

For all the latest updates on this large-scale event or to find out how you can get involved visit www.frostfest.ca. ■

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Zion United Church, has retained ownership of the Church. The building hasn't seen active use for some time.

A vault which is used for winter storage of remains, sits in one corner of the Church property and is owned and used jointly by both Minden Hills and Algonquin Highlands. The Zion congregation advised the Cemetery Board of their plan to put the Church and land on the market and requested that the vault be removed.

This raised a red flag for the Municipality as the cost to remove the vault and develop a similar facility somewhere else has been roughly estimated at over \$30,000 dollars. The expenditure went against the direction given by Council to the Board to reduce the tax subsidy to the Municipality's Cemetery Division from general tax revenues.

In addition to trying to achieve a self-supporting operation with the cemeteries, the goals of the Cemetery Division included providing new memorial options for residents in Minden Hills. According to the business plan, approximately 80 percent of all remains in Canada are cremated rather than having full casket burials and in Ontario options for disposal include retention by survivors, scattering or burial in a cemetery.

In addition, almost all of the remains in Minden Hills are interred in regular plots. As the Twelve Mile Cemetery is the most popular choice in the Municipality, without either columbaria or scatter gardens, the cemetery was reaching capacity faster than anticipated. Purchasing the little Church and its land offered a timely solution.

On learning of the proposal to sell the Church, concern was also raised by a number of residents in the Carnarvon/Twelve Mile Lake community. Some simply valued the little church as a community landmark and a piece of their history, while others were concerned about loved ones resting in the cemetery and the impact that removing the building could have on them.

What resulted was the formation of The Friends of Twelve Mile Lake Church (the Friends) whose primary goal was to find a way to secure the future of the Church in the community. According

to Bob and Heather Chambers, members of the Friends, they began discussions with the Municipality about the possibility of a partnership if Minden Hills proceeded with the purchase of the property with a view to expanding the cemetery. Rick Cox, Minden Hills' Director of Community Services acted as the primary liaison between the Municipality and the Friends.

Bob Chambers said that

their discussions with the Township included the Friends taking responsibility to care for the Church and make it available for events like weddings, art shows, community events and memorial services. He said, "The idea is that we would be able to use the land around the church as well, as long as it isn't required for cemetery space. We would establish a non profit organization which would allow us to accept donations and provide receipts. The donations would assist with a long term care program for the Church."

Chambers, whose father attended services in the Church as a child, says that the Municipality has been very helpful so far and they are optimistic that an agreement will be reached. He said, "The Township's principal interest in buying the property is to provide more land for plots. It's clear that they don't want the responsibility to care for the building itself as it is an antique building and they don't want taxpayers to bear the cost of maintaining it. Chambers also said that the Church has no running water or electricity, so its use will be seasonal.

According to Chambers the Zion congregation had initially indicated that in order for them to sell the property they wanted to move the church to another location. He said, "Some consideration had been given to moving it to the Stanhope Museum site, but a number of folks in the community have a long standing relationship with the Church and it is an important part of the lake and the community. In a way it is a form of tribute to those buried in the cemetery, some as early as the days of Confederation."

A draft agreement has been prepared outlining expectations and responsibilities for both the Municipality and the Friends. The Church will remain in its present location and the Friends will explore the possibility of seeking a heritage building designation for it. The care and operation of the Church building will be the responsibility of the Friends and they will be allowed to utilize vacant land around the Church for various events. The grounds will continue to be maintained by the Municipality.

The agreement also outlines the Friends intention to work with the Minden Hills Cultural Centre to explore the feasibility of preserving and utilizing the Church as a landmark of historical and cultural value and to undertake fundraising activities under the umbrella of the Cultural Centre in efforts to establish a suitable reserve fund that will provide for the long term care and preservation of the building.

In the meantime, the purchase will extend the capacity of the Twelve Mile Lake Cemetery considerably. Cox says that the Municipality's tentative plans for 2009 include developing outdoor columbaria niches at the Twelve Mile Lake Church as well as scatter gardens there and at the Minden and Bethel cemeteries. Consideration is also being given to developing columbaria niches at the Minden cemetery.

To Heather and Bob Chambers The Twelve Mile Lake Church is a beautiful little piece of local history and it is their sincere hope that the Friends will be able to play a part in continuing to honour that heritage and its place within the Carnarvon/Twelve Mile Lake community. ■

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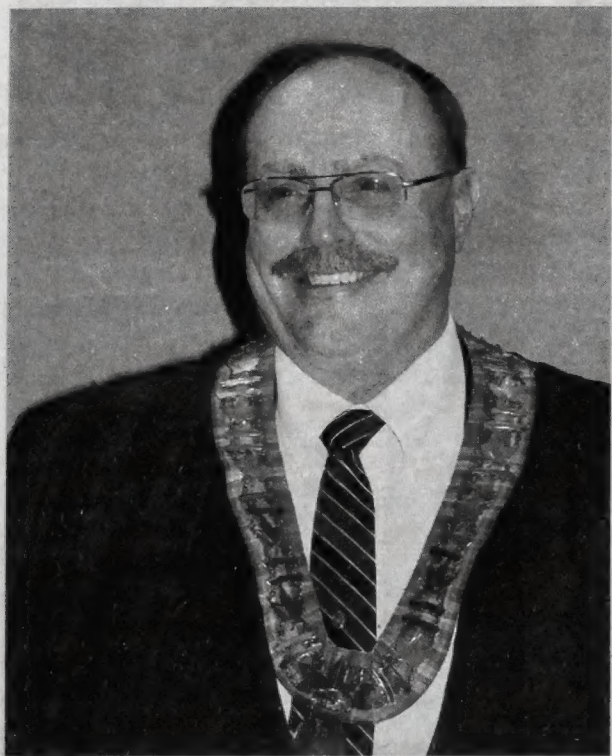
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Highlands East Reeve Becomes Haliburton County Warden

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Haliburton County Warden - Elect Dave Burton

Burton thanked Gardner and Murdoch for their nomination and all of County Council for their trust in him. He said he would give them his best effort and dedications in discharging his duties. "I will not let you down," he said. Burton thanked everyone in attendance but made special mention of the Council and staff of Highlands East who were in attendance in support of him. He also offered his thanks to his wife Jane for her love and support.

City of Kawartha Lakes Mayor Ric McGee was welcomed as a special guest and spoke of Burton's hard work on the Source Water Protection Committee. McGee said, "I was born in Dysart et al, raised in Minden, learned to gamble in Algonquin Highlands, and I'm looking forward to seeing what may happen to me in Highlands East." In his congratulatory comments, McGee spoke of the things that the County of Haliburton and the City of Kawartha Lakes have in common and said he was looking forward to working with Burton over a year that promised a lot of exciting challenges.

Burton, who often refers to himself as the rookie of the group, said that he has been humbled by the support that he has received in his bid to become County Warden.

Burton was born in Oro Township in Simcoe County. He married and raised his family there and boasts four children and three grandchildren. Burton ran a successful water well drilling business there for many years and in 1995 he started a spring water company called Gold Mountain Springs. He had been visiting Haliburton County for 40 years, so it came as no surprise to his friends when he decided to sell his business and retire to Wilberforce, a place that he and his wife Jane loved and wanted to call home.

Burton is no newcomer to municipal politics: he was very active in his home community of Oro and, when he became frustrated at what he saw as inequitable municipal by-laws, decided to take his first shot at running for council in 1985. He described himself as a bit of a 's#*t disturber' in those days, and says he only squeaked in by 50 votes, but his political career had begun.

When he ran in the next election, Burton proudly recounted that he topped all the polls but two, and even in those he placed second. He said that over his two terms as Councillor he was often pressured to run for Reeve, but said that family and business responsibilities were his priority.

It was about that time that Burton and his family decided to move to Wilberforce and, true to form soon after his arrival he again became involved in his community. He remains President of his lake association, President of the Algonquin Gateway Business Association and President of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 624.

Even though he didn't attend Council meetings, Burton was still labelled as bit of a rabble rouser for questioning decisions that were being made by the Monmouth Council. He finally became very concerned with water issues in the community and decided to run against the long standing Reeve in Monmouth and eventually the amalgamated Municipality of Highlands East.

Burton's first try at the Highlands East Municipal Council wasn't successful: even though the votes were close, he admits that he simply didn't work as hard as his opposition. But Burton dug in his heels and when he ran again for the posi-

tion of Reeve he enjoyed a resounding success.

"I have been Reeve for approximately two years and I'm finding it a very challenging position, but from time to time we have successes that are rewarding," he said. "Part of the challenge has been adapting to the wants and needs of a very different sort of community. Our people are survivors who have learned to live without some of the luxuries in life, but are still very happy with their lifestyle."

Learning to adapt to wide ranging community needs will serve Burton well during his term as County Warden as he strives with the help of his fellow Council members to meet the ongoing challenges of four municipalities where some needs are equal and other needs and values vary considerably.

Burton says that becoming Warden is a goal that he has had ever since becoming Reeve in Highlands East. He said, "I think I have a lot to contribute. You have to want to do this and I feel more than able to meet the challenge. I'm also retired and have the time to offer my services. There may be some major challenges ahead with the economy in such a tenuous state, but this is a job that, even though I might enjoy the challenge, I also take very seriously."

Speaking during the Inaugural Session about the County's priorities and challenges, Burton acknowledged the County's dependence on infrastructure funding to achieve some of their goals. He spoke of County Road 21 and the Allsaw Bridge, both downloaded from the province, and of over 23 kilometres of lower volume roads in urgent need of repair and maintenance.

He also spoke of the organizational review and visioning sessions held during 2008 and that County Council must ensure that the work is dealt with proactively and not shelved. "The world has changed to some extent since the reviews were done,

but we still need to move forward."

Burton spoke of the County's Official Plan review that will take place in 2009 and said that through the process it was his hope, with the help of Council, to develop a strategy that will embrace the lower tiers. He also said how pleased he was with the recent news of expanding broadband services and the potential impact extended services would have. Burton said he wanted to continue to pursue achieving 100% connectivity in Haliburton County.

Burton said he would try to ensure that past efforts of County Council to seek northern status in the province were not set aside, particularly as it would open up such a wide avenue of funding opportunities. He referred to Muskoka having achieved northern status in the past, and the frustration of having it pulled out from under them in a political struggle. He said, "Haliburton fits the criteria for northern status far more than most communities that are considered northern."

Admitting to being the youngest Reeve at the table, Burton said it was his hope that he would be able to bring some new thoughts, ideas and even a breath of fresh air to the County that would help the Council achieve its goals. Having said that, he admitted there were likely changes coming that will require a steady approach.

"All of these issues will have a significant financial impact and place increased pressure on us to find a balance that will maintain a level of infrastructure and mandatory services already in place. The times are becoming more challenging and we're facing a new world economy. What we're facing will require all the support and ingenuity that County Council and our staff can deliver."■

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Busy Times for the Haliburton County Folk Society

There's Always Something Going on for Folk Music Enthusiasts in Haliburton County

Mark Arike

Staff Reporter

At the end of September, the Haliburton County Folk Society (HCFS) hosted a musically moving concert with maverick balladeer Aengus Finnan at the Haliburton County Museum. And as the New Year approaches, the HCFS has many more events and activities scheduled for music lovers to look forward to.

For example, on each and every third Thursday of the month, the doors to the Haliburton Highlands Museum are opened to let the talent of Haliburton County shine for open stage nights at 8 p.m. This where you'll see some of the local everyday folk reveal their talents musically and by way of the spoken word. Admission for open stage nights is \$3 and there are snacks such as zucchini loaf and coffee available for your tasting pleasure.

Concerts featuring some of the finest folk artists in Canada are regularly organized by the HCFS. In the Fall/Winter concert series, The Laws - a husband and wife team who have been called the best musical duo out of Canada since Harris and Gram Parsons and the Everly Brothers - were brought to the Haliburton Museum.

"The Folk Society itself is made up of a vibrant group of people who are interested in bringing a variety of music to the community," says Sean Pennylegion, HCFS Committee member.

The next major concert hosted by the HCFS is expected to draw more people than can fit inside of the museum. Therefore, the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton will be the venue for Canadiana recording artists Tanglefoot. One fan described the group as "Stan Rogers meets Van Halen".

"They have a huge number of awards, they have a great reputation and they have really good music," says Pennylegion.

Tanglefoot is a five-piece, all Canadian band that is well-known for their vocal prowess, instrumental agility and storytelling lyrics. In 1996, the group recorded a song called "Vimy" which led to their taking part in the dedication of the restored memorial for The Battle of Vimy Ridge in Vimy, France on April 9, 2007.

"It'll be a fun, high energy show," says Pennylegion of the all

ages concert.

On March 6 - 8, the HCFS will be hosting what may very well be their largest undertaking to date with the first 'Winter Folk Camp' at Camp Wanakita in Haliburton. This three-day, fun folk affair gathering for adults, will not only include classes and workshops featuring vocalists and musicians well-known in the folk scene, but will also offer all of the camp's facilities. Participants will be able to look forward to a plethora of outdoor winter activities such as cross country skiing, snowshoeing and hiking.

"This is a big initiative," says Pennylegion.

Last Spring, the HCFS received an \$8,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Fund for coordination and promotion of the event.

Pennylegion predicts that the Winter Folk camp will become a signature activity within Haliburton County.

"There's nothing in Canada like it," he says.

The original idea for the camp stemmed from a festival that the HCFS hosted by

Gull River for three seasons in the fall, says Pennylegion.

"They had a certain degree of success but they were competing with other things because as you know, it's so busy up here so one of the guys came up with the idea for a winter camp."

Pennylegion states that the Winter Folk Camp will be good for the local economy, it's scheduled close to a busier time (just days before the start of March break) and the ambience of winter will help set the mood for the program.

Not only will locals participate in the camp, but the goal is to also attract those from outside of the County, says Pennylegion.

"Many people participating in this will be coming from other places like the GTA, Ottawa, Kingston, Peterborough and Barrie. People who have a fondness for folk music are going to gravitate to this for a weekend getaway."

Those who attend the three-day camp will be able to stay



Students Sell Their Work

Halibonanza Art Show Draws Crowds to Haliburton's Fleming Campus

Mark Arike

Staff Reporter



Haliburton School of the Arts students got to experience what it was like to run their own show and art sale during 'Halibonanza' held recently at the Fleming campus in Haliburton.

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Progressive Kinmount Gears Up For Sesquicentennial Events, Activities, A Website and Video In The Works

The small village of Kinmount is really a southern gateway to the Haliburton Highlands. It's a settlement on the Burnt River at the junction of three counties, though it's officially within the City of Kawartha Lakes. What sets Kinmount apart from other communities of the same size is its rich history, and a fantastic ability to get things done.

Getting things done is the result of co-operation, forward thinking, and a volunteer spirit on behalf of merchants and various community groups from the area. This spirit and co-operation has enabled Kinmount to continually maintain and run one of the finest and best-attended fall fairs in Ontario. The beautifully landscaped Austin Sawmill Heritage park, the ongoing sawmill restoration, and a successful farmers market are other points in case. Kinmount has a good library; and a successful recruiting and fundraising campaign has seen doctors come to live in the area, and work out of the modern medical centre.

Over the years floods and fires have only served to strengthen the resolve of the community, and add to the history. Kinmount officially became a village in 1859 when the Federal Government recognized the need for a post office. And now 150 years later, the community is about to launch a series of events and celebrations to commemorate the important birthday.

Although there is a Sesquicentennial Committee, there are also many sub committees made up of diverse community groups who are putting on special happenings. All is not finalized, but there are many things in the works. Moonlight Mania, will be bigger and more elaborate and moved to a better date, in order to maximize summer population flows. The walking tours and the railroad station will become part of a Kinmount by Dark walk-about, which will take place around Halloween. "It's amazing how different and wonderful Kinmount looks at night at that time of year," offers local historian Guy Scott, a 5th generation Kinmount-ian. The leaves are off the trees, and if there are clouds whipping across the moon, it's magic."

Kinmount residents and visitors can expect sesquicentennial contributions from church groups, The Lions Club, which is planning a variety night, the Kinmount Agricultural Society which runs the fall fair, the Artisans Marketplace, and the railway station. The station is the one of the main focal points of the area, around which many of the local events and activities take place on a seasonal basis, and the fantastic model railroad is something not to be missed.

The Kinmount and Area Business Association (KABA) is front and centre in the sesqui ongoing. KABA spokesperson Diane Austin says that "there are other anniversaries which will be taking place at the same time. "The Kinmount Theatre is having an anniversary. The fair is 130 years old in 2009. I believe the United Church will be 140 years old. The farmers market will be celebrating its 10th anniversary, and all these organizations will be coming together as part of the overall celebrations in Kinmount. We're all singing from the same songbook," she says, "and we're looking for ways in which individual groups can fit in." The Business Association has also been busy in promoting Kinmount via various media.

"We'd like to put out a weekly gazette, which will be comprised of news and essays, says Austin." In addition, there is talk of a web site for Kinmount. A promotional video sponsored by KABA is already underway. The video, which is being made by local film maker, and Voice and Com-

municator contributor George Farrell, started production this past summer, and will be finished in late summer of 2009. It will show residents and visitors engaging in seasonal activities and events, as well as beauty spots, the architectural and historical highlights of the village, and the art and artisans of the area. Once completed, the video will have many promotional uses. Initially it will be made into a DVD, which will be made available to the public. After that the video could be adapted for streaming on the website. The footage from the year-long shoot can also be used to make commercial TV spots. Advertising on television is expensive, but maybe not beyond the range of one of Ontario's most progressive small villages.

For such a tiny village, Kinmount that "Jewel on the Burnt River" provides an example of what vision, community spirit and co-operation can accomplish. ■

Exercise Common Sense This Winter

Parking on Municipal Roads and Dumping Snow Can Lead to Accidents



Interfering with the removal of snow by parking on municipal roads and depositing ice or snow on a roadway are acts that can pose a danger to others. These acts can also land you a hefty fine.

That's why Brian Nicholson, Roads Superintendent for the Municipality of Dysart et al, is urging people to simply think before acting.

"We're not trying to hammer anyone on the head," said Nicholson in a phone interview with The Voice. "We just want people to use common sense."

Recently, the Roads Department issued a public service announcement that reminds drivers to ensure they have adequate parking off municipal roads. Those who park on roads, turnarounds or other areas the Municipality plows pose a hazard to work crews and the public.

"We've had accidents in the past when trying to get around vehicles on freezing rain days," said Nicholson.

Municipal ploughs are heavy vehicles and they can slide just like smaller cars. Getting into a preventable accident can also have further consequences.

"Sliding into another vehicle puts us into a potentially liable position. It could also hold us up for five to six hours," explained Nicholson.

Once a vehicle that has been parked on the road for a period of time is moved, an area that has not been maintained is left in the path of other traffic passing by.

Owners of vehicles that are found parked on roads that interfere with the removal of snow, sanding or road maintenance will receive a \$200 fine from a by-law officer and/or may have their vehicle towed at their expense.

"People need to make the necessary arrangements to get their vehicle off the road," said Nicholson.

Often times, if a vehicle is in the path of an oncoming plow, that section of the road will be bypassed until the next day or whenever it is possible. This unnecessary delay for crews can also cost the Municipality more money.

"It could increase costs. For example, if we were going out to sand there would be extra costs because we'd have to carry a plow and that is hard on those trucks. So that would be wear and tear on the vehicles and it would provide an inconvenience to others," he said.

Under The Highway Traffic Act, dumping snow or ice onto any roadway is an act that can carry a fine of \$105 upon conviction. The law states that "no person shall deposit snow or ice on a roadway without permission in writing to do so from the Ministry or road authority responsible for maintenance of the road."

Nicholson provided an example of how putting snow on the road can result in a dangerous situation.

"Up on Kennis Lake Rd. our plow cleared the road. Someone ended up making a laneway that was about 7-8-ft. wide and was about 1-ft deep. So when cars are coming along the ploughed road, they're not expecting to hit this snow. A small car hitting it could crash," explained Nicholson, who had to use his truck to break up the build-up of snow.

Snow thrown onto sidewalks is also an act that interferes with the work of the roads department.

"We do our best to clear the sidewalks but some private snow plow operators plug up these areas after they've cleaned off an end of a driveway," said Nicholson.

Those who operate snow blowers should also be aware of where they're dumping snow.

"After someone blew snow on the road we had to put it back where it originated to clear the way," said Nicholson. ■

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The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources hereby gives notice that an application has been made to the Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities pursuant to the *Navigable Waters Protection Act* for approval of the work described herein and its site and plans. Pursuant to Section 9 of the said Act, the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources has deposited with the Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities and in the office of the District Registrar of the Land Registry District of Haliburton, at Minden under deposit number 279009, 279010 & 279011 a description of the following work, its site and plans: for the placement of Dam Safety Booms across Devils Lake (Lutterworth Lake) at the Devils Lake Dam, in front of lot number 22 Concession 12, Lutterworth Township, Billings Lake, at the Billings Lake Dam in front of Lot 30 Concession 7, Glamorgan Township and Salerno Lake at the Salerno Lake dam located in front of Lot 29 Concession 5, Snowdon Township.

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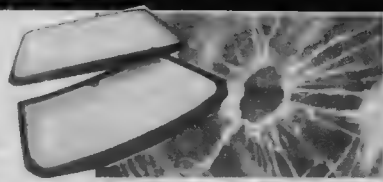


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New to the County!

New Venue for Minden Rotary's Summer Carnival

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

The Rotary Club in Minden Hills are hoping to change the venue for their annual summer carnival. Joanna Penfold spoke with the Minden Hills Council last week with a request to hold the carnival in the municipal parking area adjacent to both the Municipal and County Council buildings. Pending clarification on several items, their chances look good but no decision will be made until Council meets in January.

According to Penfold attendance at recent summer carnivals has been waning and she has seen a bit of a disconnect between the carnival and the community. She told Council that everything from tornadoes, to ice remaining on the arena surface, exhibitions and even the Remax balloon have all played a part in dwindling attendance, but the distance between the site and the centre of the community has become their greatest concern. Penfold said that as well as a new location, the Rotary Club were looking at changing the carnival dates to the Tuesday and Wednesday of the last week in July.

Penfold told Council, "We've determined that a downtown location would be a more appropriate to hold the carnival," adding that the municipal parking lot is the best site for the event. Penfold stressed that the carnival is not a fund raiser, but rather a community event being promoted by the Rotary Club and something that she hoped could be incorporated into the sesqui-centennial events.

Penfold stated right up front that there were a number of issues with the area that still need to be resolved; first and foremost being parking. She said that it takes a day to set up the rides and prepare for the carnival and another day to tear things down. Penfold told Council that the Club had considered shuttles and promoting a walk to work day to reduce parking problems. She also said they are prepared to work with local merchants to promote the carnival together.

In response to a question by Councillor Lisa Schell about access for the fire department, Penfold said that the area had been paced out carefully to ensure that there was sufficient open space for access by emergency services. She said that the number of rides was not as important as having a variety and organizers have determined to leave the back area for access and parking of emergency vehicles. She said, "We want to ensure safety and the continued flow of traffic."

Penfold said that the sooner they had a response from Council the better to allow sufficient time to promote the event. Councillor Peter Oyler said that he would like to see the request referred to staff to review the layout plan and look at any areas of concern. Penfold agreed that if their report was available in January that would allow sufficient time for the Rotary Club.

CAO Gerry Morrison advised Council that the matter had been discussed at a department head meeting. The primary concern surrounded the rides having to be pinned down, causing possible damage to the asphalt. He said that the municipality would have to have some guarantee from the Rotary Club that the asphalt would be repaired.

Penfold said this was under consideration. She agreed to provide information about the exact area needed, the layout and methods to ensure no damage is done, as well as any other information that would allow planning to move forward.

Penfold later said that Rotary representatives had looked carefully at their space requirements and had spoken with the Randy Homeniuk who looks after the rides. She said, "We knew there would be some issues surrounding emergency vehicles and kept that in mind when preparing our original plan."

Penfold told the Voice that a small Council/stakeholder committee has been struck to look at space requirements in more detail and to finalize details on how the Club can meet all the requirements for emergency services. She also said that even though she has been given some assurances that there is no cause for concern, she has to confirm with Homeniuk exactly what is needed to secure the rides, while ensuring no damage is done to the parking lot surface.

Penfold said it was good to get input on different aspects of the carnival and its venue to ensure that any concerns are raised and addressed well in advance of the event. She said that things are still up in the air pending spacing and the risk of wear and tear on the parking lot, but she has been getting excellent feedback from local businesses, some of whom are quite excited about the prospect of the carnival being in a more central location. It is her hope to see some growth for the carnival given involvement with local business people. ■

The Rotary Club in Minden Hills are hoping to change the venue for their annual summer carnival.

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2. Silent night, holy night ...

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3. I'm dreaming of a White Christmas, Just like ...

Answer

GRADUATE LEVEL

4. We three kings of Orient are ...

Answer

5. While shepherds watched their flocks by night ...

Answer

6. Oh holy night! ...

Answer

PH.D. LEVEL

7. It's the most wonderful time of the

year ...

Answer

8. I'll be home for Christmas ...

Answer

9. Chestnuts roasting on an open fire ...

Answer

ANSWERS: 1. How still we see thee lie. 2. All is calm, all is bright. 3. The ones I used to know. 4. Bearing gifts we traverse afar. 5. All seated on the ground. 6. The stars are brightly shining. 7. With the kids jingle bells. 8. You can count on me. 9. Jack Frost nipping at your nose.

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The Weight of Winter Hits Kennisis Lake Marina



Photos by Ben Carnochan

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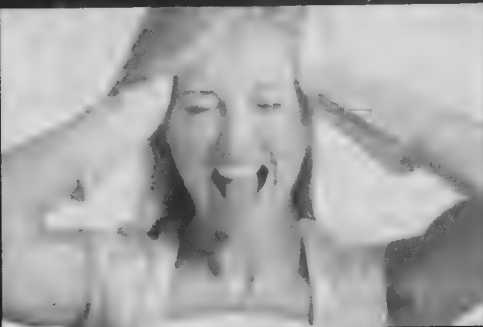
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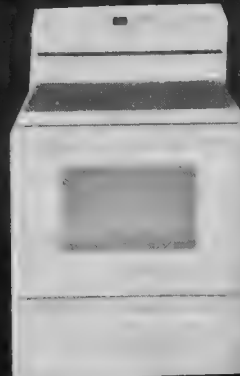
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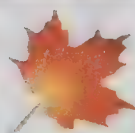
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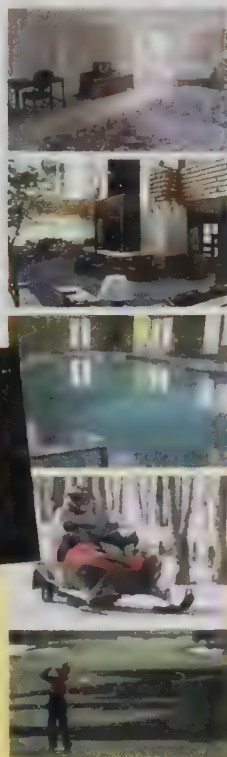
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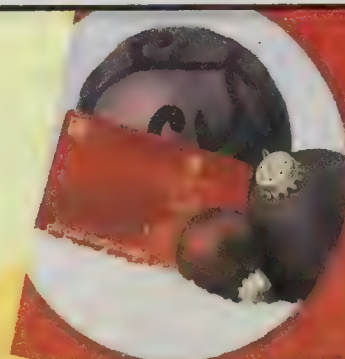
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Living Life On the Road

The Laws Leave Audience in Awe



Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

Canadian husband and wife musical duo, The Laws, had no trouble garnering applause during their show at the Haliburton Museum last month.

John and Michele Law were in town for a one-night only performance that was hosted by the Haliburton County Folk Society (HCFS). Prior to their engaging and exceptionally melodic concert, the two performers sat down with The Highlands Communicator for an interview about life on the road, songwriting and their plans for the future.

The Laws have been called the best musical duo out of Canada since Harris and Gram Parsons and even compared to the Everly Brothers by critics. Their powerful voices carry exquisitely angelic tunes and their collection of acoustic music is inspired by the folk and country genres.

After finishing their current tour in Canada, the pair will be off to Florida to work, and of course, play.

So how do the two feel about being able to focus strictly on their music while making a living off their life's passion?

"It's pretty amazing," said Michele. "It's ridiculous that we're able to do this as a couple," added John. "Most musicians we know are at home and their families are on the road. Michelle and I are just loving every minute of it together."

To get them from point A to B, The Laws drive a 2004 Toyota van that has clocked over 300,000 km.

"We've been slowing down the last couple of years now," laughed John.

In their travels, the couple has managed to go through places around North America and the world including: New Mexico, Australia, Colorado and New York City.

"We tell our agent where we want to go and she works it out," explained John.

The duo's most recent album, titled 'Ride It Out', was recorded in the country music capital of Nashville.

Songs made by The Laws are produced through their collaborative efforts and each track is inspired by circumstances or situations in their own lives.

"It's always something that has touched us," noted Michele. "Whether it's something that has happened to us or someone close to us, I think you really need to be able to related to the topic to make it believable. So, you look inside yourself, you look at people around you, just everything. There's always stuff going on."

In addition to touring the countryside and recording albums, the two have recently started to write songs for other artists and are getting paid for it.

"We just signed this deal last year where we got a songwriting deal and a publishing deal. So it's more than just touring now," said John.

Because of that deal, the happy couple just bought a new home in Wheatley, On. Nowhere in the future do they foresee moving out of the country they grew up in.

"We stayed in Nashville last year, but as Canadians it's so much easier to live here with the health care and everything else," said Michelle. "When we lived in Nashville, we found that we could actually live anywhere and write songs, we just have to send them in," added John.

When The Laws first burst out onto the music scene eight years ago, they were busy running around promoting themselves as often as they could. In recent years, they've chosen to slow things down a bit.

"It's new for us to be playing in Ontario where we can drive home at the end of the week," explained John. "When we started, we used to stay out on the road and go on the radio in every town we could everyday. We're trying this new close to home thing."

At Saturday night's show, the two performed a variety of songs from their five different albums, including 'Am I Still the One?' a track that gave them a win in a major songwriting contest in the U.S.

As for the near future, the musical duo will be catching some national television exposure via a new show on PBS.

"It's a songwriting show called Legends and Lyrics and it starts in April. It has all the huge names on it like Kris Kristofferson, John Hiatt, Charlie Daniels and Three Doors Down. It features rock and roll and country and on each segment there is a rising star. We got on as rising stars for one of the show."

They also have their own cooking show while on the road and they plan to release a second cookbook soon. Their current cookbook out is called 'Cookin' Live'.

"The cooking thing is our second passion," admitted Dan. "We usually carry all of our kitchen gear on the road with us. We refuse to be starving artists!"

And for all of the aspiring musicians out there looking to make it big, The Laws have a few words of advice.

"You need to have a vision, some goals and drive. Within all of that, be really open minded to everything that changes. Some things will happen way quicker than you think they would and some things take a lot longer."

So what did The Laws have to say about Haliburton during their brief stay?

"It's spectacularly gorgeous," said Dan while Michelle added, "It was like a Christmas card with all of the fresh snow on the trees. It's beautiful." ■

Archie Stouffer's Community Christmas



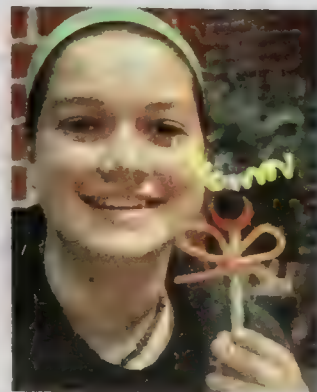
The staff and students of Archie Stouffer Elementary School (ASES) hosted their annual Community Christmas celebration last Thursday night to an enthusiastic, overflow crowd. Rather than holding

the traditional Christmas concert, the school has elected for the last number of years to host a multi-faceted party with different events, and with a fund-raising focus. To be sure, there was lots of Christmas singing, but the parents and children were allowed to come in and out of the performances as they wished.

Teacher Raylene Clarke organized the annual "Present Table" consisting of gifts donated by teachers and staff. Students could buy tickets for each item for just 25 cents: all proceeds went to the local Food Bank and annual Toy Drive. "We've started out about four or five years ago in an effort to bring all our diverse school communities together," said Ms. Clarke. "We did in an effort to deal with the whole Christmas and Holiday Season in a way that all of our children and parents could partake -- and give something back. I spearheaded it initially, but it's important to recognize that all our teachers and staff, every single one of them, has donated presents to the Present Table every single year. And each year we've been able to give more and more funds to the Food Bank and the Toy Drive. Last year we raised \$1127: this year we're going to end up with at least \$1225. And every penny goes where it's most needed."

But the Present Table isn't the only event of the evening. There was a Book Sale going on, Christmas Crafts were available, one class was producing very interesting looking "Reindeer Food", there was a mural being painted, and of course regular singing of Christmas Carols and Holiday Songs in the Gym.

It's particularly gratifying for Ms. Clarke to see how successful this project was, as she's retiring shortly. But for certain, the ASES new Christmas tradition will continue for many more years to come. ■



Pictured: Top left, Retiring teacher and "Present Table" organizer Raylene Clarke.

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By Steve Newman



Warming Respite

Initial estimates of the 2008 average global temperature point to the year being the coolest in a decade that has seen most of the warmest weather on record. Based on observations through early December, the average global temperature should be close to 57.74 degrees Fahrenheit. That would make 2008 the coolest year since 1994, but a far warmer year than prior to the industrial revolution. The hottest year on record was 1998, which included a very strong El Niño ocean warming in the Pacific, followed by 2005, 2003 and 2002. Britain's Met Office predicted at the beginning of the year that 2008 would be cooler than recent years due to the La Niña ocean cooling that prevailed as the year began. But Peter Stott of the agency's Hadley Center cautioned that a cooler year in no way means that global warming is slowing. "If we are going to understand climate change we need to look at long-term trends," Stott said.

Bengal Cyclone

Tropical Cyclone 07B formed briefly over the southern Bay of Bengal, but weakened to a tropical low before reaching cyclone-weary Sri Lanka and southern India. Some had feared the storm would take the same path as Cyclone Nisha, which killed nearly 200 people and unleashed catastrophic flooding during the previous week.

Indonesian Rumbblings

Indonesia's Mount Karangetang volcano spewed hot lava and ash high into the sky above Siau Island for days. No evacuations were ordered even though many live on the slopes of the volatile volcano.

Winter Methane Leaks

Swedish researchers say they have found that Arctic tundra emits the same amount of the powerful greenhouse gas methane in winter as it does during summer. The finding appears to contradict current belief that a warming Arctic will lead to more atmospheric methane seeping from the tundra. Biochemist Torben Christensen and his team from Lund University made the finding by taking air samples in northern Greenland from summer well into the winter season. They found that the levels of the greenhouse gas increased significantly as the freeze began — to a level comparable to that during the summer months. Earlier this year, scientists from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology revealed that global methane levels began to increase in 2007 after nearly a decade of being relatively stable. They theorized that very warm conditions in Siberia last year increased methane emissions from tundra and wetlands.

Geothermal Potential

A new U.N. study has found that East Africa's geologically active Great Rift Valley has enough geothermal energy potential to generate much of the region's electricity needs. Using new seismic and drilling techniques, the U.N. Environment Program and the Global Environment Facility (GEF) have identified sources capable of jointly producing at least 7,000 megawatts of power. Kenya's current hydro, fuel-generated and limited geothermal sources are barely producing the 1,000 megawatts of peak electricity needs across the country. The U.N. agencies found numerous sources of underground steam and heat in Kenya that could produce four times the country's current electricity require-

ments. Nearly \$18 million from the World Bank and GEF will help develop geothermal power plants in Kenya, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Uganda and Tanzania starting in 2009.

Earthquakes

Buildings along Iran's southern coast were damaged by another in a series of sharp quakes that have rocked the region since an initial 6.1 magnitude temblor killed seven people on Sept. 10.

• Earth movements were also felt in northwestern Pakistan, Taiwan and two areas in Southern California.

Mumbai Return

Thousands of pigeons that fled their usual feeding spot outside Mumbai's Taj Mahal hotel following the recent terror attacks have slowly begun to return due to the efforts of the animal welfare organizations. By the end of the siege, thousands of the pigeons around the Taj had all but disappeared, adding to the anguish of many Indians who regard the birds as a symbol of peace. The Bombay Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (BSPCA) said the birds kept circling the besieged hotel for days, unable to eat. But the animal welfare group Karuna eventually persuaded authorities to allow them to place birdseed around the hotel, which quickly lured the pigeons back. BSPCA says many animals were killed or wounded by the shooting and explosions during the Mumbai crisis. "A lot of pigeons (were found) with injuries to their head, wings, feet and some fractures," BSPCA hospital manager Yuvraj Kaginkar told Mumbai's *The Mirror*.

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Have Your Say... VOX POP

We asked people in Haliburton, "What are your thoughts of the recent weather we've been having? Are you feeling the effects of winter?"



Dave Stevenson, Drag Lake — "I think it's great, especially on the lake, it's like a winter wonderland. The kids love tobogganing, having snowball fights and making snow angels. I'm prepared for the weather because I make sure to dress for it. I'd say winter puts me in a good mood. Driving can be challenging, but then I just stay at home."



Cynthia McPhail, North Shore Rd. — It's nice because it's all Christmassy! As long as you drive safely and you obey all the rules of the road, you should be ok."



Don Mawley, Haliburton — "I work at Sir Sams and this is making me feel great. I drive to Dorset as well to work and it's been ok. I've got snow tires so I don't even notice it. Overall, I don't mind the weather."



Mark Prindiville, Haliburton — "I'm tired of shovelling snow all the time! The snow is good though for the community, tourists and all of the different activities. It's Canada and I'm happy with it."

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HHSS Students Reach Out to Make a Difference



Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

Last year, Grade 12 Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) student Marcus Hewitt spent his time in Denmark, Germany as an exchange student. From that experience he learned of a way to make a difference in his own community back in Canada.

In November, Hewitt opened up a Rotary International Interact chapter at HHSS.

"With the Rotary exchange, I heard about other kids who did this and it sounded like a really neat idea," said Hewitt on why he launched the club.

Interact is Rotary International's service club for young people ages 14 to 18. Interact clubs are sponsored by individual Rotary clubs, which provide support and guidance to the self-governing and self-support groups.

Club membership varies greatly within Interact clubs and they can draw from the student body of a single school or from two or more schools in the same community.

Around the globe there are more than 10,700 clubs in 109 countries with nearly 200,000 young people involved.

Each year, Interact clubs complete at least two community service projects, one of which furthers international understanding and goodwill.

To accomplish this task, HHSS students in the club have been working on care packages for soldiers in Afghanistan. They are also going to make connections in the community with residents of long-term care facilities in Haliburton.

"They will most likely be visiting one-on-one with residents, baking and singing Christmas carols," explained Hewitt.

So how did Hewitt get students to sign-up to the new group at the high school?

"I sent people individual Facebook messages to students telling them what it's about and they said they'd join," he explained.

The group currently consists of 25 high school students.

Last Friday, the club came together for some quality social time outside of the school environment at Carnarvon Bowl & Billiard. The Voice dropped in to ask a couple of students about why they became a part of the local initiative and what it is they're hoping to gain from being on the team.

"Once I learned about the intentions of the club and that it was charity involved, I decided to join," said Grade 9 student Tessa Barnes. For Barnes this is just one of the many extracurricular activities she's a part of.

"I'm on the Student Advisory Committee (SAC), the Eco School team and I'm involved with the Gay/Straight Alliance," she said.

After attending the first few Interact club meetings, she discovered that she was able to have her say in an open forum format.

"It's been good because I've been allowed to bring up some of the things I think we should focus on," said Barnes, who added, "I think we're on a roll."

Grade 11 student Tim Thurley came on-board after he heard about the club through Hewitt.

"I thought it would be the right thing to do," said Thurley, who is currently also involved with the SAC. "You get things accomplished and you get involved in the community."

Thurley has found that the being an Interact club member has further strengthened his friendships with fellow students.

"It's good to be actually able to work with them, rather than just saying 'hi' in the hallway," he explained.

For him, working on soldier care packages has been one of the most personally rewarding projects that he's put time and energy into.

"I'm a big supporter of soldiers and I support the mission in Afghanistan," he said.

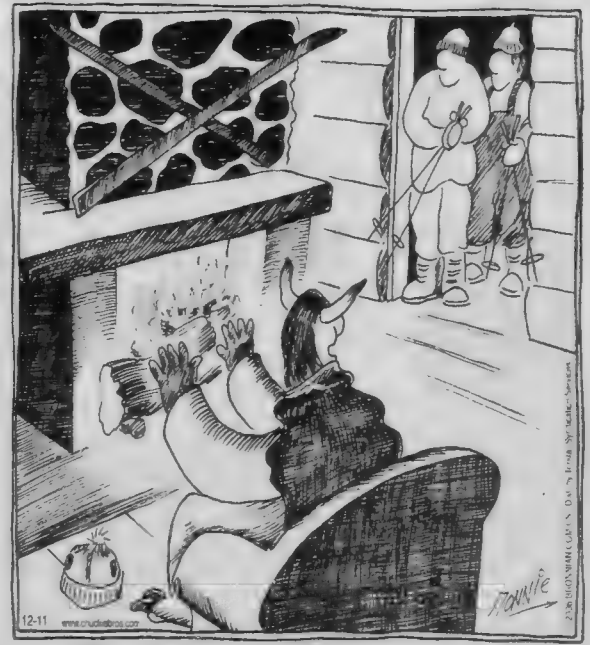
Through these and other projects, it's clear to see that HHSS students are meeting some of the personal development goals as set out by Rotary which include; the development of leadership skills and personal integrity, a demonstration of helpfulness and respect for others, comprehension of the value of responsibility and hard work and advancement of international understanding and goodwill.

As for the future, Hewitt says that ideas have been flowing in for other potential projects.

"Someone has an idea for a community garden. This past Monday I was in a committee meeting to see if we could help out with a winter carnival. We are open to suggestions from the community," said Hewitt.

To offer ideas to the group or for more information, contact Marcus Hewitt at 705 286-3667.

First Rotary Interact Club of its Kind Launched in Haliburton Has Successful Start



"Naaah, you guys go ahead. I'll just sit here a little while longer."

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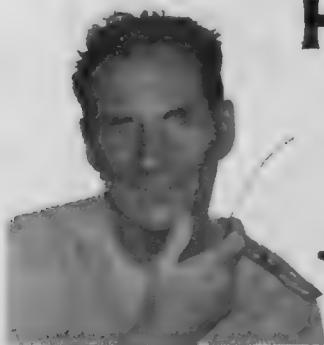
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Sports Editor

He's 73 and Living the Dream

Ken Mink as Target? Give me a Break

The story here is not about Ken Mink, a 73 year old shooting guard on the Roane State Raiders, a Tennessee community college.

It's about the system.

It's about a mentality that does not reward feel good stories - even at Christmas.

It's about the bully mindset and all the fine and stuttered trapings that get in the way of the true meaning of sport, camaraderie and sportsmanship.

Let me digress here just for a moment.

Some 53 years ago, Ken Mink missed out on his second year of junior college basketball.

It's been a niggling sore point on his psychic backburner ever since.

Niggling because of the circumstance.

As the New York Times reported recently, Ken Mink is seeking redemption.

Randy Nesbit, the coach of Roane State, took a chance on Mink shortly after receiving a letter from the septuagenarian guard.

In the letter, Mink told Nesbit (and several other prospective community college coaches in a mass mailing of his resume) about the "incident."

Ken Mink told Nesbit the story of his shortened basketball career. Mink had played at Lees College in Jackson, Ky., only to be expelled from the then-Presbyterian school in 1956 at the beginning of his sophomore season.

Mink said he was accused of soaping the coach's office with shaving cream, slathering the lights and even the coach's shoes.

To this day, Ken Mink says he's innocent on all counts.

"I don't even shave," he told the university president. All to

no avail. He was expelled and was forced to join the Air Force.

Ken has kept his hand in ever since. Back in the day he was a 6'2" shooting guard.

Today, he is a 6' Roane State rookie.

Ken Mink scored two points this season, both on free throws from the charity stripe.

His wife Emilia has donned a cheerleader outfit at home games, but admits that she was not always this gung ho.

In 2007, Ken was shooting around on a friend's driveway basket when revelation came via swish of fine twine. "I still have it," said Ken.

"Have what?" said Emilia.

"My stroke," said Ken. You might be forgiven for assuming that his shooting arc is not the stroke he should be worrying about.

Emilia, like most women who have been married to the same man for four decades, took it all in stride when he started sending letters of introduction to local Tennessee colleges.

"You do realize you're 72?" Emilia asked Ken. "Do you think you can convince someone you're not?"

Ken did catch the eye of Nesbit.

Nesbit, a former point guard and coach at The Citadel, is, at 50 in pretty good shape. And he was intrigued. Still, he wanted to meet Mink before offering him a spot on the team.

"I think he wanted to make sure Ken wasn't out on a weekend pass," Emilia Mink quipped.

And after some discussion and a few rounds of Horse in the gym, Nesbit took a chance.

It's paid off. Roane State has garnered worldwide attention. Hollywood is knocking. Investigators are already looking into the "shaving cream fiasco."

And perhaps most important, attendance is up at all Roane State games.

NY Times reports that "Attendance, usually about 100 per game, has on occasion swelled to 400."

This is all pretty good, right?

Well except for that other niggling notion.

Teams that face Roane State are not finding it at all funny, or charming or feel good. In fact they have taken a different tact altogether.

Before a recent basketball game, Coach Yogi Woods gathered the junior varsity at Lambuth University. He pointed at Mink like he was an abomination, a blight on his basketball stage.

"If Mink was good enough to play, he was good enough to play up," said coach Yogi. That sent the memorandum to the Lambuth players. "D-Up on the senior citizen or incur my wrath" was the message. He turned to his freshman Ken-

"If he goes in for a layup, don't let him have it. If he scores on you, we will never let you forget it."

drick Coleman and said: "If he goes in for a lay-up, don't let him have it. If he scores on you, we will never let you forget it."

If I may be so bold here. "Yogi, you make a good case for Boo-Boo."

Okay, okay Woodsy. We get it. You are a hapless, helpless moron, but apparently you're not alone.

And it's here where rubber hits road.

Where's the fun? What happened to the game?

On Nov. 3, the junior-varsity coach at King College told one of the Roane players, whom he had coached in high school, "If the old guy scores, we're walking home." Another two-bits we don't really need to hear. Cut us all some slack and take this in the spirit intended. This is not a conspiracy here folks. Just a coach and a player exploring some uncharted territory. Hearken Dr Phil here coaches.

"Deep Breath! ... Now Let It Go!"

Coach Nesbit never expected the backlash, especially since Mink never sees the floor unless Roane State is either up by 30 or down by 40.

"I thought some teams would play along, humour him," said Nesbit, to the Times reporter.

It's been the opposite. Teams seem genuinely incensed and angry that another team would deign to play a 73 year old rookie.

It's probably just plain wrong, but it's the atmosphere of sports on today's feathered plain. Young dudes and overblown coaches genuinely insulted by the mere fact that an aging player might tarnish a deluded date with destiny.

Newsflash here coaches. If you're coaching at a junior college in Tennessee, a berth in the NCAA finals is not on your stilted and blurry horizon anytime soon. So get over yourself and let the guy play. The fans get it. We love Ken Mink.

He's 73 for god's sake. He's not pretending to be Michael Jordan and he's not out there to embarrass you.

Don't be like Thomas Hobbes, who once embraced his internal sense of ha-ha with that now famous line: "And the life of man, solitary, poor, nasty, brutish, and short."

Don't give in to that fractured sense of abysmal pessimism. Life can be fun. Don't believe me? Well fine, go ask Ken Mink.

Ken Mink is having fun. He's enjoying every day as he pull himself out of his Absorbine Juniored nightly stupor. Lighten up players and coaches in Tennessee junior college. Cut the man some slack.

Be a mensch. Let yourself in on the joke and take some time to enjoy life. Give Ken Mink that 20-foot jumper. Hear the swish of the twine as a tubular call to arms. Revel with the fans. Find your inner child. Ken Mink has.

Embrace every day. Get up, search skyward and float gently to your rim.

It's a concept we all could embrace with just a little more verve, just a little more humility, just a little more live and let live.

"He's not a freak of nature beating Father Time," Nesbit said.

"There's no special diet. People pull for him because he looks like a 73-year-old man. If people stay active and healthy, a lot could do what he's doing." Amen Brother Nesbit. Amen. And Merry Christmas. ■

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From left to right, Foundation Chair Peter Oyler, Time Travellers President Bob Patton, Foundation Executive Director Dale Walker, and Time Travellers Director Tom Prentice. ■

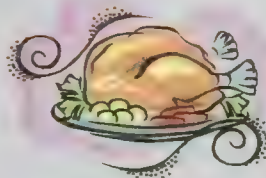


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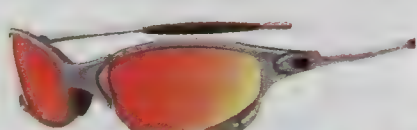
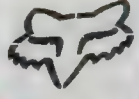
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Hodgson Named Alternate Captain on Canadian Junior Squad

Hodgson and Duchene – One Stays and One Falls Just Short

Terrance Gavan

Sports Editor

It was never going to be an easy camp.

Thirty-eight of Canada's top junior players gathered in Ottawa last weekend.

Among them, two young players with foundations set deep in the Highlands.

Matthew Duchene and Cody Hodgson found their roots in hockey right here in Haliburton. Duchene is a resident, the son of Vince and Chris Duchene. Hodgson is a Haliburton cottager and former resident. Both got their start in Haliburton's solid and entrenched minor hockey system.

And no, there's nothing in the water. It just happens that these two very driven, very talented individuals were lucky enough to grow up in a nurturing environment with a lot of good friends and family. Nothing in the water but maybe something in the air.

Both went into last weekend's national junior team selection camp high on the go-to list of various scouts and the Hockey Canada cognoscente.

Both, from all accounts, showed up strong and prepared for every scrimmage and both played well in all three of the Red-White scrimmages.

However, only one, Hodgson, eventually bubbled to the top when it was all said and done.

Hodgson was named as an alternate captain for the team. Duchene, who scored a goal and an assist in Friday's Red versus White tilt managed to impress mightily, but in the end, the talent pool was just a tad too deep.

Duchene is a full two years younger than the oldest player at camp and that age differential may have made the difference.

That, plus the fact that Team Canada, for the first time in recent memory decided to go with eight defensemen and 12 forwards.

Usually they keep 13 skaters and seven blueliners, and that slight deviation from the norm may have contributed to Duchene's crunch to the numbers.

Everyone in the know, including TSN's Bob McKenzie said that Duchene was right on the cusp at the camp, but age, and perhaps the lingering effects of a shoulder injury suffered just three weeks prior to the camp may have hurt Duchene in the end.

Hodgson and Duchene both play for the Brampton Battalion of the Ontario Hockey League. Their coach, Stan Butler, who coached the Canadian Juniors in 2001 and 2002 was happy for Hodgson and added that Duchene will return to the club this week. He said that Duchene is the type of player who will never let this setback interfere with his drive to succeed.

"What makes Matt an elite athlete is that he's not satisfied when he's not successful at something," said Butler in a recent post on the Troop website. "He has the type of character that means he'll rebound from this. I'm sure he'll be in Hockey Canada's programs for a long time to come."

Earlier, before the camp had even begun, Butler said that the camp would be tough on the four younger players who had been invited to the camp - Duchene included in that group - simply because of the plethora of more seasoned talent base available. At this age, another year of growth and seasoning can bend the needle just enough.

Just ask young Angelo Esposito who finally made the roster in his last go-round after being cut from the last three tryout camps.

At the same time, Butler is certainly very happy for Hodgson, the Battalion captain who returned late to the Troop after a near miss at fall camp with Vancouver Canucks, the team that drafted him 10th overall in last spring's NHL entry draft.

Hodgson returned fitter and hungrier than ever, and currently leads the Battalion in scoring. The team and Butler will miss his deft touch and leadership, but Butler isn't at all concerned. He's proud of his multi-layered centerman.

"I'm really happy for Cody," said Butler. "He's taken his game to another level this season, and that's a credit to him. He's going to be one of the key cogs on that team."

Hodgson was equally happy, needless to say.

"It feels great," said Hodgson, (on Battalion.com) who'll wear an 'A' on his jersey as an alternate captain. "I've played with or against a lot of these guys. We've got a great group of guys here, and I'm really looking forward to playing with them."

Hodgson had some disappointment of his own this season after coming oh so close at training camp in Vancouver and Whistler

last fall.

A door closes, a window opens.

Hodgson may be feeling a little karmic about the way things have worked out. The Battalion are in first place, both he and Duchene are leading the Troop in scoring and he has achieved a dream that's he's worked toward for the past 14 years.

The bonus?

He'll be playing on the big stage of the Junior Worlds and he'll be playing right down the road in Ottawa.

Is he excited?

"There's a lot of pressure on us to win," noted Hodgson. "Gold is the only thing we'll be looking to achieve."

He added that he's also very humbled by the team's investment in his leadership capabilities.

"Being named an alternate captain is an added bonus for me," said Hodgson. "There's a lot of leadership here." Telling too is the fact that Hodgson is the only alternate named that was not previously a member of a Canadian Junior Team.

Thomas Hickey, a blueliner with the Seattle Thunderbirds of the Western Hockey League, is the Canadian captain. Other alternates are centre Zach Boychuk of the WHL's Lethbridge Hurricanes, defenceman P.K. Subban of the Belleville Bulls and centre John Tavares of the Oshawa Generals. All of those players are former junior team members.

Hodgson is pretty confident about this talent-laden squad and feels that they will be among the leading teams at the tourney which gets underway on Boxing Day in Ottawa. All games will be televised, but tickets are probably a solid sellout.

"We'll be looking to get our identity in the coming days," said Hodgson. "I think we're solid from our goaltending on out. We have a big defence and skilled forwards."

At the same time there was a hint of bittersweet for Hodgson, who maintains a great working relationship and friendship with his teammate Duchene.

Like Butler, Hodgson is confident that Duchene will take the disappointment in stride.

"Matt's a great player, and I think everyone at Hockey Canada knows that," said Hodgson. "I think cutting him was one of the toughest decisions they had to make. He's a great competitor."

Great and young. Duchene has been ranked as high as third by NHL's Central Scouting this year. He will enter the NHL Draft in the spring of 2009.

The door may have closed on Duchene this year, but the window stands wide open in 2009 and beyond. ■

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The court heard that in the fall of 2008, Ministry of Natural Resources conservation officers were working with Environment Canada's wildlife officers to monitor hunters and enforce the Migratory birds Hunting Regulations. On September 23rd, 2008, conservation officers found the men hunting in a marshy area in Harvey Township that was baited with corn.

Placing bait to hunt migratory game birds is illegal because it attracts large numbers of birds and gives the hunter an unfair advantage.

Justice of the Peace Jason Mariasine heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice, Peterborough, on December 11th, 2008.

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River Kings Win Fourth in a Row

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Meyers Leads Charge in 7-4 Win Over Nipissing

Team captain Brett Meyers scored three goals and added two assists to lead the hard charging Minden River Kings to a 7-4 victory over the Nipissing Alouettes in Greater Metro Hockey League action last Sunday. The win pushed the Kings winning streak to four, the best run of the year for this rookie GMHL franchise.

River King coach Brooks Robinson is now a perfect 4-0 since stepping in as head knock four weeks ago.

"We're on a roll," said Robinson.

Robinson added that Meyers also scored another goal on a blistering shot that actually went through the twine at the back of the net.

"The refs checked the back of the net for a hole in the twine, couldn't find one, so the goal was disallowed," chuckled Robinson. "But everyone that saw it said it passed through the back of the net."

The win pushed their record to 10-15-1 on the season, good enough for sixth place in the GMHL North Division.

The Alouettes are currently in third place in the North and Robinson said that the convincing win bodes well for this team. "We've beat some pretty good teams this season, and we're peaking at the right time of the year," said Robinson.

Of course the schedule has also been pretty forgiving for this team over the last three weeks.

The Kings played one game last week and had another single game week in the previous week.

That changes this week, as the Kings schedule plugs up with a number of really big contests.

"We have a real tough week coming up, but it's also a chance for us to move up in the standings if we play like we've been playing," said Robinson.

The River Kings are on the road Wednesday in Oro Me-donte for a tilt against the fourth place 77s. "They have a pretty good team, and it's an important game for us," said Robinson. That game is also important because it will be the first contest the team will play against their former captain Toby Kathan who was traded to Oro a few weeks back.

The 77s have a record of 13-8-3 and are just 8 points ahead of Minden in the North Division standings. A win against Oro would push the Kings into a tie for fifth place with Brock Bucks.

On Friday the Kings mosey down the road to Gravenhurst for another important game against the league's best team, the South Muskoka Shield.

The Shield boast a 26-3-1 record, and are a full nine points ahead of their nearest North Division rival, the second place Elliot Lake Bobcats.

Of course fans may remember that the Kings beat Gravenhurst 5-4 in their last meeting on November 23 and Robinson said that's an important factor as head to Gravenhurst. "They're the best team in the league, but we match up well against them," said Robinson.

On Saturday the Kings once again face the 77s on the road, another game with big consequences. Minden finishes their week at home on Sunday December 21 against the lowly Tamworth Cyclones who are currently in last place in the GMHL's South Division with a record of 1-18-1.

Robinson said that it's a nice way to finish their four game week, but adds that the team won't be taking anything for granted against the Cyclones next Sunday. "We have to go out and play hard every game," said Robinson.

Robinson said that his players have been doing exactly that over this four game stretch.

"Last Sunday we were missing a few players, but everyone who was there really showed up to play," said Robinson.

Steven Garcia, Cody McKinnon, Brendan O'Brien and Matt Duncan were obtained from Oro in a recent exchange for Kathan.

Last week, the team sent Steven Garcia to Brock in another trade. McKinnon played last Sunday but both O'Brien and Duncan were stuck in Barrie and couldn't make the game.

"McKinnon played really well and the other two guys will be coming in this week," said Robinson. He added that even with the absence of those players the team was still able to field three full lines and four defensemen last Sunday.

"We had just enough bodies to play the game and everyone hustled, so it was a really good win for us," said Robinson.

Local Gooderham ace and assistant captain Devin Hunter had a great game scoring a goal and an assist in the win over the Alouettes.

Jeff Beale, Thomas "Frenchie" Falardau and Cam Walsh all added goals in the Kings victory. Other assists went to Calvin Northam and Beale.

Robinson wants to remind fans that admission is free for next Sunday's home encounter versus Tamworth. "Everyone who brings a donation of food will be admitted free of charge next Sunday," said Robinson. "All of the donations from our fans will go to the Minden food bank."

Certainly a great cause and it's also a great opportunity for fans who haven't yet come out to see this JR A team in action to come out and see some really great hockey. And as Robinson said, it's a great win-win for the Minden Food Bank at Christmas.

After that game, the Kings will have a break over Christmas and New Years and won't be returning to action until January 3 for a rematch against the Alouettes in Nipissing.

On January 13, the GMHL will showcase their annual

All-Star Game, hosted in Gravenhurst by the league-leading South Muskoka Shield.

The GMHL regular season wraps up on February 22nd with the River Kings hosting Toronto at the SG Nesbitt Barn.

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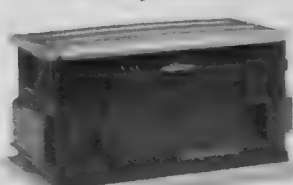
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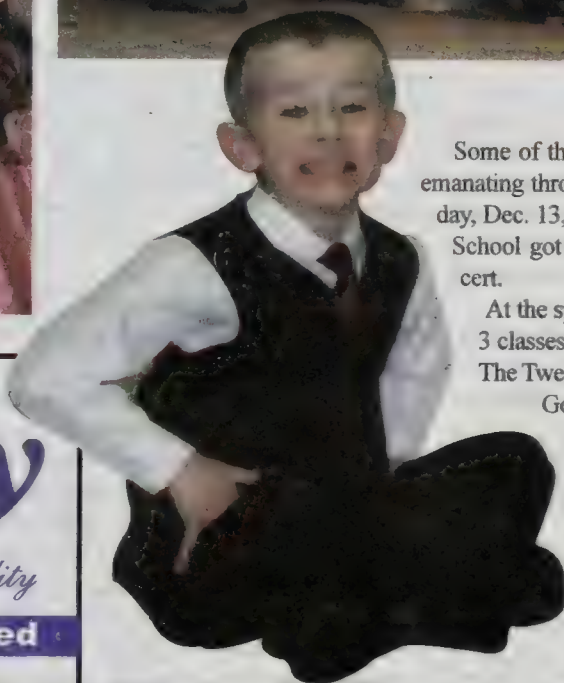
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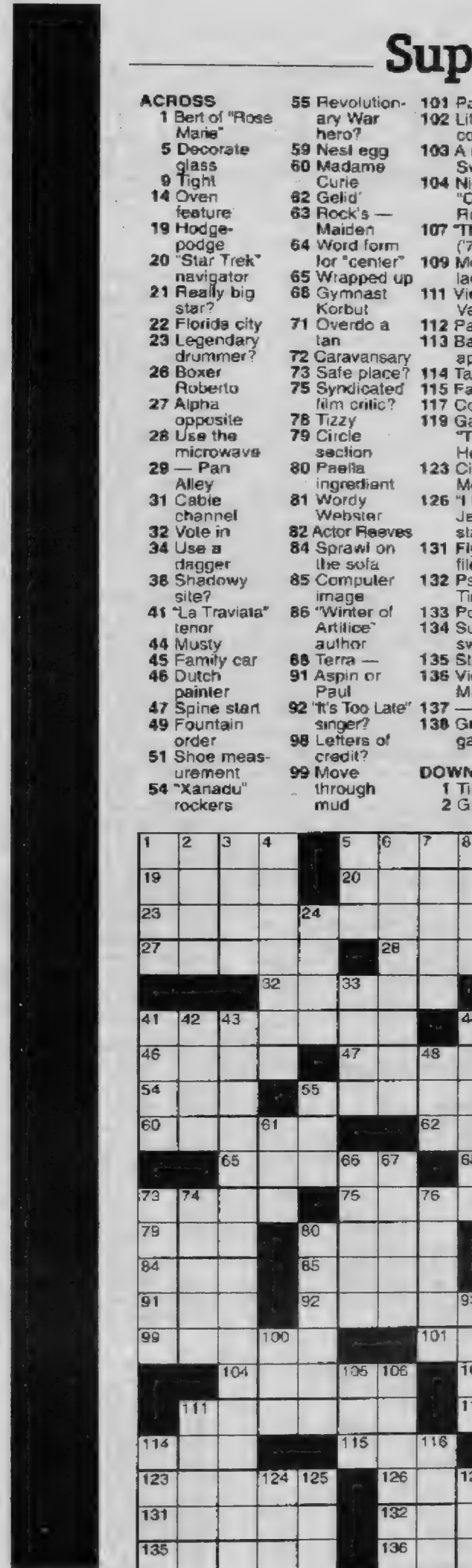
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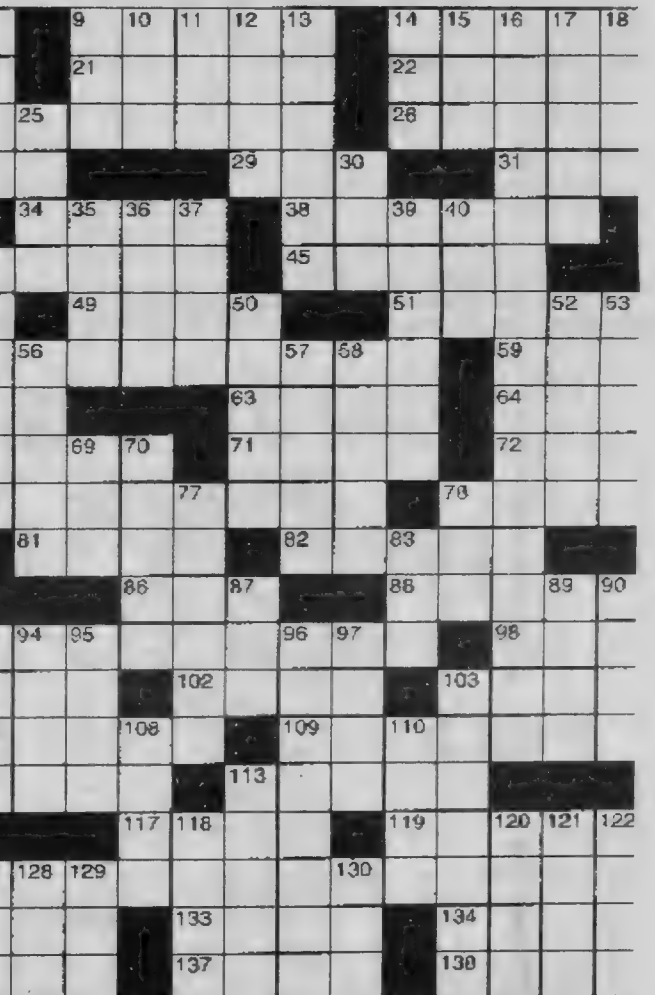
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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The arts are a strong part of the Arian aspect, with music becoming more dominant. An important decision looms as a longtime relationship takes an unexpected turn.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Surrounding yourself with beautiful things helps restore the Taurian soul. Enjoy an art exhibit, for example. Or redecorate your personal space with something truly splendid.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Some colleagues might try to talk you out of what they insist is a risk, but which you consider an opportunity. As usual, follow your own good sense when making your decision.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A workplace change you might have worried about soon proves to be highly favorable for the clever Crab who is ready to take advantage of new opportunities opening up.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Congratulations. Your Leonine pride is polished to a dazzling new brilliance thanks to your success in winning support for your new project from even the most doubtful of detractors.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) An unsettling rumor about a colleague's apparently regrettable behavior is soon proved groundless, allowing you to enjoy the upcoming end-of-year festivities in a happy mood.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your success in helping to create a harmonious environment out of a chaotic situation earns you the admiration of someone who could become an important new presence in your life.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your Scorpion's sense of loyalty could find you leading a passionate defense of a loved one you feel is being unfairly treated. The week's end brings long-awaited family news.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your keen instincts are once more on high alert as you find yourself being pressured to make a quick decision about a certain matter. More facts come to light by week's end.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) An unexpected workplace development could disrupt some family plans. A full explanation, however, averts domestic discord. A financial matter continues to need attention.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Spend time away from distractions to reassess some recent moves that might not have worked out as you had hoped. What you learn could be invaluable for future decision-making.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A recent act of kindness is a reminder of how important your friends are to you. You might want to show your appreciation by hosting a special pre-New Year's party just for them.



Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I am happily married, but all my life I have yearned for a close and sisterly relationship with my mother and my sisters. We are very different people, but a kind and understanding female relative is what I have always wished for. They send me unsolicited advice, including articles about physical and mental health, diet pills and clippings on finances, etc., but we don't seem to be able to sustain good conversation, with listening or encouragement. I sometimes think people get so wrapped up in trying to "fix" others that they don't see the true beauty that lies within. I have expressed my feelings to them about wishing we could be closer, but was told that sisterly affection is a "myth." Unfortunately, I don't fit in with my husband's family, either. Family issues seem to be the recurring theme of my life. It's depressing. I work full-time, do charity work and have good friends outside my family, but I still long for a closer relationship with my family. Is there a way to let go of old dreams and wishes? With the holidays here, I have difficulty getting through this time without a bad case of the blues. — MISSING SOMETHING IN MINNESOTA

DEAR MISSING SOMETHING: Forgive me if my response has a "bah, humbug" tone, but has it ever occurred to you that your mother and sisters may be incapable of being the kind of idealized family that you would like to have? If they didn't care about you, they wouldn't send you unsolicited advice, articles on physical and mental health, diet pills and financial planning. They may think what they're doing is a demonstration of their love and concern for you. The surest way I know to "let go of the old dreams and wishes" is to concentrate on the here and now and the blessings you have in your life — a solid marriage, a good job, caring friends and the ability to help those less fortunate. Christmas and New Year's can be a taxing time for those who are emotionally vulnerable. Because these holiday blues happen every year, some sessions with a licensed mental health professional could help you break that cycle.

DEAR ABBY: When I come home and my girlfriend is there, I greet her with a cheerful "hello" or "good morning." Her usual response is somewhere between a grunt and a sniff. If I am home first and she walks in, she will immediately launch into a conversation without giving me a greeting. I have tried explaining to her that her behavior makes me feel like she isn't happy to see me. But when I tell her it hurts my feelings, she accuses me of trying to "control her." She always gives her co-workers and friends a nice, friendly greeting when she sees them. Am I being too sensitive? I feel I deserve a similar acknowledgment if I take the time to be cordial. — SHORTCHANGED IN GEORGIA

DEAR SHORTCHANGED: You're not being overly sensitive, and asking to be treated with warmth and courtesy isn't being controlling. Your girlfriend appears to take you and your affection for granted. If there are other problems in your relationship, perhaps it's time to step back, take a cool and rational look at how you are being treated in other areas, and decide whether it is in your best interest to continue it.

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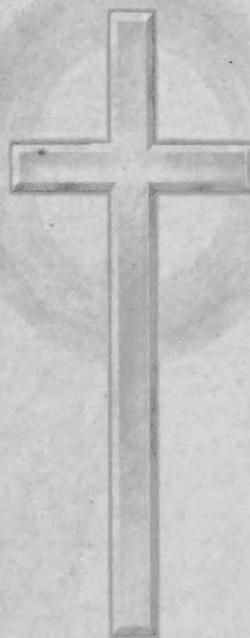
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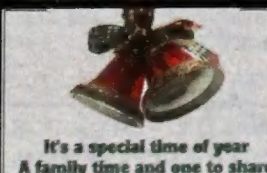
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Climate Change

Theresa Wright. Environment Haliburton!

Weather and climate change are not the same. Weather is today's cold snap, yesterday's rain, tomorrow's snowstorm. Climate change is the long-term alteration in weather patterns as a result of global warming.

The cold weather and record snowfalls we've been experiencing do not cancel out climate change. In fact our snowy winters are relatively mild. Winter temperatures in Canada have been above normal for over 40 years. From 1961 to 2006, December-March temperatures warmed by 2.8° C on average. That is climate change.

Is this change just part of the normal climatic ups and downs that have shaken the planet for millennia? We know that the planet has moved back and forth between glacial periods 100,000 years in length and mild interglacial periods from 10,000 to 20,000 years long. Now we are living in an interglacial period that happens to be getting warmer. So what? Is this a problem?

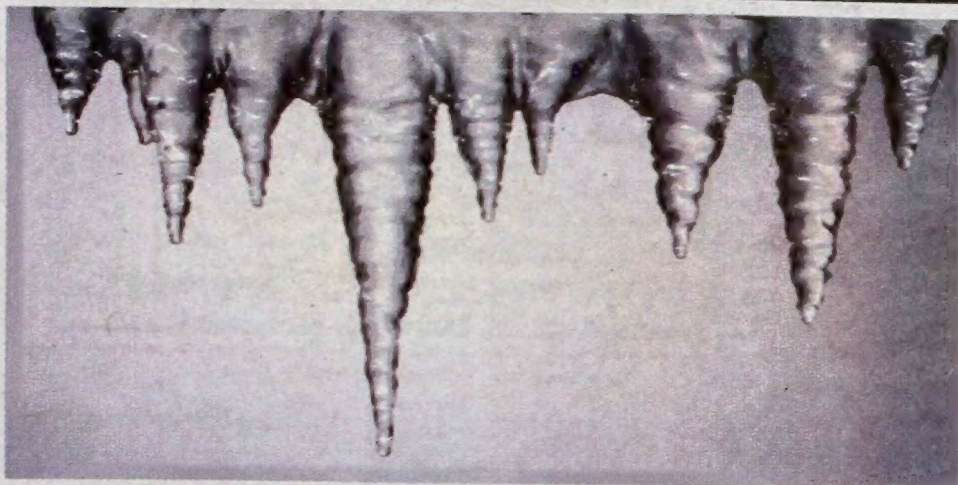
In a word, yes. It's all about the mix of greenhouse gases surrounding the earth - carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, and water vapour. Normally greenhouse gases insulate the globe, trapping solar energy and keeping the earth's temperature at a comfortable +15°C average. That is the greenhouse effect. Without it, the earth's average temperature would be -18°C, in other words, frozen and lifeless.

But in the past 150 years, as a result of burning gas, oil, and coal to fuel every aspect of our lives, we have enthusiastically pumped too much carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases into the atmosphere, throwing the system off-balance. Rapid deforestation adds to the problem. Current carbon dioxide levels, at 380 parts per million, are higher than at any time in the past 650 million years.

As greenhouse gas concentrations increase, more heat is trapped in the atmosphere surrounding the earth. This planet we live on is 0.6°C warmer than it was 100 years ago. On the face of it, a 0.6°C change seems negligible. But small changes in the earth's average temperature can and do lead to big changes in weather and climate. The 20th century was the hottest century in the past 1000 years, the 1990's the hottest decade. 1998 and 2005 were the hottest years on record.

How do we know what the earth's temperature or carbon dioxide levels were in the distant past? Instrumental records began only 150 years ago, at start of the industrial revolution. To investigate the earth's climate history, scientists analyze the evidence in tree rings, deep ice cores, sea sediment, and ground bores. The findings are part of millions of lines of information fed into a complex climate modeling computer system by over two thousand scientists world-wide to track and to predict climate change.

The predictions are sobering: a much warmer earth, anywhere from 1.4 to 4 °C warmer in the next 100 years. How much warmer depends on whether the world's 6.7 billion people take action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and how serious we are about it.



Canada will see increasingly frequent and severe year-round storms, flooding, drought, and heat waves. In the United States forest fires, flooding and hurricanes have already caused major damage.

But the temperate regions of the world are getting off relatively easy so far. The most drastic climate change is currently taking place in the tropics and at the poles. It is happening now in Canada's Arctic.

This past summer Trent University research scientist Dr. Derek Mueller was amazed to witness the sudden collapse of a massive piece of ice, the Markham Ice Shelf on Ellesmere Island in Nunavut. The event was expected, but not so soon and not so quickly. It was the latest episode in the gradual collapse of the Ellesmere Island ice shelves. Over the past 100 years 90% of the ice shelves have disappeared. Ice formations solidly in place for thousands of years are gone, clear evidence of global warming. We know that the process of global warming now in motion can't be stopped, but it can be slowed considerably

by reducing global greenhouse gas emissions by 75% or more by 2050. The prospect of such a huge reduction is sobering, but it can be done if industrial economies reduce their emissions by 3% each year. Government, industry and ordinary people - that means us - must be onside.

Last week, from December 1st to 12th over 10,000 people from 187 countries met in Poznan, Poland to tackle the challenge of climate change. During the conference, President-elect Barack Obama announced (although he didn't attend the conference) that he agrees with the world's leading scientists that the U.S. must cut greenhouse gas emissions by at least 80% by 2050. That is amazing news - that the world's wealthiest, most powerful country (and it's largest polluter) is willing to face the reality of climate change and take action.

Closer to home, CBC launched the One Million Acts of Green challenge to mobilize Canadians. One small action can make a big difference. It can be anything from cutting down on idling time or turning down the thermostat, to walking to work. Millions of small acts make a big difference in climate change. Check out One Million Acts of Green at <http://green.cbc.ca>, Environment Canada. <http://www.ec.gc.ca> for more information on green acts and climate change. ■

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